

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



### **d.** Planning & Sustainability Division

June 1, 2022

Commissioner James Turner  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 100B  
Washington, DC 20009  
Via Email: 1b09@anc.dc.gov

**NOI # 22-179-PSD**

**Re: Notification for the Installation of protected bikeway and new parking configuration in the 2300 through 2400 blocks of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

Dear Chair Turner,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to install a protected bikeway and new parking configuration in the 2300 through 2400 blocks of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, along the Meridian Hill Park entrance at the intersection of Chapin Street NW. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

DDOT proposes to:

- Implement a design from the Near Northwest III Safety and Mobility Study which concluded in Fall 2021.
- Install a cycle track and new parking configuration in the 2300 through 2400 blocks of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- Repurpose the parking lane on the west side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW along the Meridian Hill Park entrance.
- Provide temporary National Park Service (NPS) vehicle parking to service the park.

- Add tactical curb extensions at the north and south corners of the intersection of Chapin and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets NW.



The existing condition of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street cycle track in this area is broken-up as it approaches the Meridian Hill Park entrance at Chapin Street. The space is marked for back-in vehicle parking except for Wednesdays when parking is not permitted to accommodate street cleaning.

Connecting the cycle track through the Chapin Street NW intersection will help people on bicycles stay safe while riding along the corridor and improve pedestrian visibility at the existing unsignalized pedestrian crossing. The existing curb-to-curb width of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW at this location allows DDOT to connect the cycle track while creating three (3) parallel parking spaces and implementing DDOT standard no-parking distances from crosswalks.

Currently, there are no NPS vehicle parking spaces around the park which means vehicles often enter the park through pedestrian park entrances. The proposed design repurposes the asphalt space between the park and cycle track as NPS vehicle parking. The space will be painted tan to match the sidewalk and will provide a location for NPS vehicles to temporarily park their vehicles and service the park.

This design will improve safety along the 15<sup>th</sup> Street cycle track at Chapin Street NW by reducing instances of speeding, improving visibility, shortening the effective crossing distance for pedestrians, and providing physical and spatial separation between people on bicycles and general motor traffic on the corridor.

DDOT anticipates the following benefits:

- Improved visibility for all mode users
- Comfortable bicycling facilities for people traveling in and through the corridor
- Improved safety due to shorter crossing distances.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Street Cycle Track is a high-trafficked route for cycling to and between downtown and Columbia Heights. Connecting this segment of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW cycle track will complete the 15<sup>th</sup> Street cycle track from Euclid Street NW to I Street NW and will improve safety near a major park entrance. Adding these facilities is an important part of DDOT's work to improve safety for all roadway users.

15<sup>th</sup> Street NW is being repaved as part of DDOT's paving plan. To coordinate and lessen the construction impact to the community, DDOT is planning on completing the above improvements in coordination with the rehabilitation of the road that's currently taking place.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than July 16, 2022, thirty (30) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 250 M Street SE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC, 20003 or via email at [kelsey.bridges@dc.gov](mailto:kelsey.bridges@dc.gov). If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI>. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-438-8972.

Sincerely,



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Transportation Planner  
Planning & Sustainability Division

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