



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Evian Patterson

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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Proposal to Install Parking Restrictions for Passenger Loading on the East Curbside of the 1200 Block of Wisconsin Avenue NW (NOI #18-192)

Dear Mr. Patterson,

On December 3, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E appreciates the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) focus on improving circulation throughout the Georgetown community, particularly in the area of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW. Additionally, the ANC notes that many challenges exist related to the double parking of delivery trucks and ridesharing vehicles on Wisconsin Avenue NW north of M Street, ultimately causing unnecessary traffic congestion. Data reported to ANC 2E shows that, on average, there are 3-4 metered transactions per meter per day on that block, suggesting that turnover in the area is low. Furthermore, other data suggests that the Apple Store alone is within the top five pick-up and drop-off locations for rideshare across Washington, DC.

As such, ANC 2E generally supports a one year trial implementation of a pick-up and drop-off zone in the area that would span the length of approximately 3-5 cars on the block of Wisconsin Avenue NW north of M Street. However, the ANC is concerned that the notice of intent (NOI) does not specifically note the size of the zone. In fact, ANC 2E has received competing information about the size of the zone, as some DDOT representatives have stated that the zone will span the length of the block. The ANC notes that the existing signage on the street represents this information already. Separately, DDOT has also shared, via verbal communications, that the zone will span from 1211 Wisconsin Avenue NW (the Tory Burch store) to 1229 Wisconsin Avenue NW (the south side of the crosswalk at the Apple Store).

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Lisa Palmer, District 5	Jim Wilcox, District 6	
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ANC 2E strongly believes that converting the full block to passenger and commercial loading is significantly long, eliminating too many much-needed parking spaces for the community. If the purpose of this drop-off zone is to support pick-up and drop-off at this intersection, the ANC believes that this size of a zone is not necessary to achieve the stated goals and that some of these spaces would be better positioned as metered parking.

Additionally, ANC 2E requests that DDOT consider limited hours for this zone, noting that the number of pick-ups and drop-offs in this area falls significantly after rush hour and that opening up these parking spots at night and through the morning rush hour would reopen parking spaces that will otherwise be unused. As such, ANC 2E supports the installation of a trial drop-off zone on Wisconsin Avenue NW per NOI #18-192, but with a more limited number of spaces and a shorter time of day.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E