



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Proposal to Ban Turns on Red at the Intersection of 29th Street, M Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue NW (NOI #18-227-TOA)

Dear Director Marootian,

On January 2, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E has reviewed Notice of Intent (NOI) #18-227-TOA regarding the establishment of No Turn on Red restrictions at selected signalized intersections. The ANC received the NOI prior to the holidays and reached out to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to confirm precisely which intersection and turn will be affected by this change, but as of yet, the ANC has not received a response. The ANC believes that it is only for northbound traffic on 29th Street NW turning right/east onto Pennsylvania Avenue. However, this has not been confirmed and the ANC requests that DDOT provides clarification on this point.

As for the purpose of this NOI, ANC 2E expresses concern that if there is no ability to turn right on red, there may be no time that pedestrians are held at this crossing area and, as such, the right-turning traffic from 29th Street NW will hold up any left or northbound traffic when the light finally turns green. While the ANC supports DC's Vision Zero goals, the ANC has concerns about unintended consequences of this proposed change. Per the ANC's previous correspondence with DDOT, the ANC requests clarification on how this change, if implemented, will affect traffic in the neighborhood.

As such, ANC 2E cannot support NOI #18-227-TOA in its current form and looks to DDOT to provide clarification and remedies for the concerns expressed herein.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'Jr.' at the end.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E