



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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December 3, 2020

Mr. Jeff Marootian
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RE: Improving Conditions on N Street Between 31st Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW

Dear Director Marootian,

On November 30, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Conditions on N Street between Wisconsin Avenue and 31st Street NW continue to be challenging for all who use the street and sidewalks. Even with less vehicular traffic because of the pandemic, ambulances continue to get caught behind traffic that is not moving and cars continue to be sideswiped.

ANC 2E has previously asked for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to evaluate the conditions on this block. Residents continue to request that consideration be made for changing this block to mirror Dumbarton Street NW to the north by altering the traffic flow to one way only. In light of DDOT's reluctance to evaluate this alteration at this time, the ANC reiterates the following requests in an attempt to address, in part, the continued poor conditions on the block:

1. As requested in ANC 2E's resolution dated September 4th, 2018 (Attachment A), the ANC requests the removal of the metered parking spots on the south side of N Street at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue NW in order to increase capacity at the intersection. This will make turning on to and off of N Street NW significantly easier and will remove frequent backups which at times extend down Wisconsin Avenue NW and across N Street NW. DDOT has already agreed to make this change; in fact, in correspondence with Mr. Evian Patterson on February 13th,

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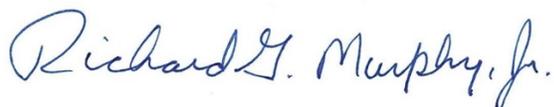
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2020, Mr. Patterson noted the following: “In regards to the spaces on the south side, it’s already in the works for removal and sign adjustment. That work was missed in the original work order, but I sent to the Meter team to rectify following our meeting last week and checking the original service request. Hopefully, we can get that taken care of soon.” We are extremely grateful for Mr. Patterson’s continued focus on this issue but note that, unfortunately, this work has not been completed almost ten months later. The ANC requests, once again, that the removal of these metered spots be handled in an expedient fashion. The ANC also continues to request that DDOT considers the installation of flex posts or a narrow bike rack to replace these parking spots so that people do not illegally use these spots to quickly run errands in that area.

2. Residents on this block of N Street NW are very grateful for the repaving of their block, however they note that the curbs are still in poor condition. ANC 2E notes that in an attempt to prevent being sideswiped by cars traveling across this atypically narrow block of N Street NW, people often park on top of the curb because the curb is broken in multiple locations. On behalf of the residents of this block, the ANC requests that DDOT quickly completes its work to repair the curb on this block (see photos in Attachment B).
3. ANC 2E also notes that the sidewalk conditions on this block are poor. Multiple 3-1-1 calls have been made about this situation, including, but not limited to, request #2000341612. Furthermore, the PaveDC website states that the sidewalks on this block were already repaired (see photo in Attachment C). However, they have not been repaired. The ANC requests that DDOT evaluates the conditions of the sidewalk as soon as possible and quickly addresses those areas of the sidewalk that are a danger to pedestrians and need rebuilding and rehabilitation (see photo in Attachment C).
4. ANC 2E continues to request that DDOT considers this block of N Street NW for designation as a Slow Street. If this is not possible, the ANC asks that DDOT shares the Slow Streets criteria that this block does not meet so that the ANC can better understand which blocks do and do not merit this consideration.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E

Attachment A

**ANC 2E's September 4th, 2018
Resolution Regarding Improving
Conditions at the Intersection of N Street
and Wisconsin Avenue NW**



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September 4, 2018

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RE: Proposed Installation of New Bike Racks at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of N Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe,

On July 2, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E continues to hear from residents across the area that traffic backups on N Street between Wisconsin Avenue and 31st Street NW are difficult. One extraordinary example of the challenges faced on the block is that last week, during the time when firefighters were fighting the fire on O Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW was shut down, a DC Circulator bus was re-routed onto N Street NW and traffic came to a complete standstill. Furthermore, we continue to hear about parked car collisions across the block that do significant damage to residents' vehicles that are legally parked in residential parking spots along the block. ANC 2E thanks the residents along this block for sharing a petition with the ANC that notes the residents' ongoing concerns.

While the larger congestion issue along this block is best addressed through a Circulation Study currently being contemplated by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), ANC 2E also believes that DDOT can quickly address a longstanding geometry issue at the corner of N Street and the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW through a design solution.

As a reminder, N Street NW is approximately 30 feet wide. Cars are approximately 6 to 7 feet wide. N Street NW is a two-way street which leaves, at most, less than 18 feet for

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two cars to pass by each other at any given time. As cars approach the signalized intersection at Wisconsin Avenue and N Street NW, there often becomes no ability to negotiate this tight space and turn the corner, in part, because cars are parked to the corner.

With this in mind, ANC 2E requests that DDOT try to solve this issue by any means necessary, including, but not limited to, a trial of removing the two metered spots on the corner closest to Wisconsin Avenue NW, replacing those two metered spots with a narrow bike rack and installing flexi-posts to the corner, with a goal of making turning onto and off of N Street NW a safer and easier proposition. While ANC 2E does not believe that this is a wholesale solution to the larger problem on the block, the ANC would like to trial a solution to see if it helps the congestion at the corner. If the ANC does not see any improvement on the circulation of this corner, ANC 2E recommends that the current conditions be restored.

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

Attachment B

Photos of Conditions on N Street NW





Attachment C

**Screenshot of PaveDC Website Listing
of Conditions on N Street NW and Photo
of Sidewalk on N Street NW**

DDOT Paving Plan

View the map on your mobile device [f](#) [t](#) [l](#)

An interactive map of DDOT's paving work for Washingtonians to track our progress as we enhance the safety of the roadway and improve the ride comfort of the road surface. DDOT is prioritizing paving non-residential streets during the COVID-19 response to minimize disturbance to residents during the Stay Home Order.

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- Overview
- Roads
- Sidewalks**
- Alleys
- Markings

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3
Completed Miles

No Data

0
Under Construction Miles

4
Planned Miles

Sidewalks Currently Under Construction
Click to zoom into the sidewalk.

O ST NW
from 35TH ST NW to 36TH ST NW
Work Type: Sidewalk Construction
Status: Under Construction
Length: 0.07 mile
Ward 2, ANC 2E

Showing 1

Sidewalk Construction

Street N ST NW
From 31ST ST NW
To WISCONSIN AVE NW
Status Completed
Miles 0.10
Type Local
Ward 2
Side Both Side
ANC 2E

Map Legend

