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Rodney Foxworth
Community Engagement Supervisor
District Department Of Transportation ("DDOT")
Re: Right Turn on Red, Idaho and Wisconsin Avenues NW
May 17, 2016

Dear Mr. Foxworth,

ANC 3C recommends that DDOT prohibit right turn on red at the traffic signal at Wisconsin Ave. and Idaho Avenue/Ordway Street in order to prevent vehicles from turning from Wisconsin Avenue northbound lanes onto eastbound Idaho Avenue or Ordway Street during a red cycle.

There are two reasons that we are making this recommendation. One, the angle of a right turn at this particular location permits cars to travel at a high speed, which presents safety concerns and prevents pedestrians from confidently crossing the street knowing the Wisconsin Avenue traffic is stopped. Two, there are two awkward pork chop structures that separate the traffic and that also intersect the pedestrian crosswalks where Idaho Avenue and Ordway Street split. There is no clear visibility for a driver on Wisconsin Avenue of pedestrians in the Ordway St. crosswalk until after the driver turns right. Similarly, there is no warning for a pedestrian that a driver may be turning on a red signal from the crosswalk location. Thus, safety for the pedestrian requires that drivers only turn when the light is green so that pedestrians can confidently use the crosswalk when vehicles on Wisconsin Avenue are stopped for a red cycle.

This letter was considered at a noticed, public meeting of ANC 3C on May 16, 2016 where a quorum was present. The letter was approved by voice vote.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Commissioner MacWood, at nmacwood@gmail.com

Very sincerely,

Carl Roller
Chairman, ANC3C

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