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ANC3C Resolution 2018-023

Request for full DDOT safety study at Connecticut Ave southbound and 24th St NW

WHEREAS, the intersection of 24th St and Connecticut Ave NW has a high volume of pedestrian traffic, including National Zoo and hotel visitors unfamiliar with this intersection; and

WHEREAS, this has long been identified as a dangerous intersection, including by a Pedestrian Safety Audit by the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action; and

WHEREAS, The Woodley Park Metro station is located at the southwest corner of the intersection and two Metro bus stops are located south of the intersection and one bus stop is on the right side of 24th Street. All these add to the congestion and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, there are two pedestrian walk signals in order to cross 24th Street, one on each side of a pedestrian island. Pedestrians must walk one leg to the island and wait for the pedestrian signal to change; and

WHEREAS, the corner of Connecticut Av southbound is a slip lane, curving into 24th Street with a wide, rounded lane and curb radius and encouraging cars to turn at unsafe fast speeds. Cars are unable to see pedestrians until almost to the intersection. And many cars do not stop before making the sliding turn. Yet cars are now permitted to turn on red; and

WHEREAS, there is a green arrow for the right turn onto 24th Street from Connecticut Av when pedestrians have the stop signal. There is no sign advising cars to turn only on green nor one advising “No Turn on Red” when pedestrians have the go signal. There is just a “Turning vehicles must yield to pedestrians” sign curbside on Connecticut before the light and even it is confusing with several colors and fonts; and

WHEREAS, a DDOT representative reports that a “No Turn on Red” sign might be effective in protecting pedestrians, but might cause back-up of cars on Connecticut Av southbound with some blocking of the box at Connecticut and Woodley Rd;

WHEREAS, traffic enforcement and signage at that location might remedy that issue;

WHEREAS, there is a “No Turn on Red” sign on Connecticut Av at Woodley Road going northbound;

WHEREAS, ANC3C passed a Resolution requesting a study of this intersection in 2013 resulting in a cursory visit by DDOT representatives with no written recommendations or actions. Subsequent requests for studies and safety measures have also brought no results, except the “yield to pedestrians” sign; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the City is to become more pedestrian friendly and less reliant on cars;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C urges DDOT to perform an extensive study of this intersection, including consideration of a No Turn on Red sign, with a written plan of action for additional steps to enhance pedestrian safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or the Commissioner for 3C02 or their designees are authorized to represent ANC3C in this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. MacWood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on June 18, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on June 18, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.