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## ANC3C Resolution 2021-017 Regarding Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Improvements for Porter Street NW in ANC 3C04

WHEREAS, there are several safety issues along the segment of Porter Street NW between Quebec Street and Beach Drive, including unsafe crosswalks, high speeds by drivers, cars entering a protected bicycle lane, and stop sign running;

WHEREAS, according to crash data, there have been at least 41 reported crashes on this segment of Porter Street NW over the past six years;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, there have been at least two traffic crashes on Porter Street in 2021 that resulted in serious injuries to those hit by automobiles;

WHEREAS, the first known crash involved a vehicle striking a cyclist and occurred at the crosswalk across Porter Street at Williamsburg Lane on April 24;

WHEREAS, the second known crash involved a vehicle striking a pedestrian and occurred at the crosswalk across Porter Street at Williamsburg Lane on August 23;

WHEREAS, high speeds by drivers in both directions create unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists;

WHEREAS, the steep grades (~7%) coupled with limited intersections and no signaling encourage drivers to exceed posted speed limits;

WHEREAS, three crosswalks in this segment of Porter Street provide pedestrians with limited visibility due to a mix of parked vehicles, foliage, and, at night, poor lighting;

WHEREAS, the District's use of automated speed enforcement on an uphill portion of Porter Street NW within this segment indicates knowledge of the high speeds on this segment;

WHEREAS, deployment of speed cameras may provide revenue for the District, better road design will have a larger positive impact on pedestrian and cyclist safety;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See <u>https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/michael.eichler/viz/DCCrashes2010to2021/CrashesbyANCBlock</u> (last visited December 8, 2021).



WHEREAS, the intersection of Porter Street NW and Williamsburg Lane NW includes five lanes of traffic from Porter Street NW;

WHEREAS, drivers exiting Beach Drive toward westbound Porter Street NW frequently do not stop at the stop sign at Williamsburg Lane;<sup>2</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 3C requests the transition of existing crosswalks to raised crosswalks at 2732 Porter St NW, 2501 Porter St NW, and at the intersection with Williamsburg Lane;

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 3C requests the installation of rapid-flashing beacons to the crosswalks at 2732 Porter St NW, 2501 Porter St NW, and at the intersection with Williamsburg Lane;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C requests the addition or repositioning of both flex posts and parking blocks at the entrance of the protected portion of the Porter Street NW bicycle lane just east of 2501 Porter Street NW to better indicate the presence of a bicycle lane to drivers;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C requests that the District Department of Transportation expedite the Traffic Safety Investigation filed under SR #21-00528638;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C requests that the District Department of Transportation consider how to reduce the number of traffic lanes of Porter Street NW at the intersection with Williamsburg Lane NW to improve traffic safety and flow;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, Commissioner for ANC3C04, or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission regarding this resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Porter Street Stop Sign Running (Dec. 8, 2021), <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-WZ2mBK9VI</u> (last visited Dec. 12, 2021).

Attested by

Beau Finley

Beau Finley Chair, on December 13, 2021

This resolution was approved by voice vote on December 13, 2021, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.