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ANC3C Resolution 2022-022
Requesting Installation of Traffic Calming Measures in McLean Gardens

Whereas, the McLean Gardens neighborhood is situated in Northwest Washington, DC bounded by Rodman Street NW to the north, Idaho Avenue NW to the south, Wisconsin Avenue NW to the east, and 39th Street NW to the West;

Whereas, traffic on these blocks is exacerbated due to 39th Street NW being used as a pass-through between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW, and by the development of City Ridge which in August 2022 opened a previously closed gate at the north end of 39th Street NW to two-way traffic;

Whereas, many residents have noticed a rise in aggressive driving in the past few years, including the running of stop signs, speeding, and turning without signaling, a general increase in vehicular traffic with the opening of City Ridge, and a crash on September 2, 2022, involving an overturned vehicle;¹

Whereas, residents have documented many locations that lack proper signage and other traffic directing and calming measures² that are identified in the 311 requests and resolved clauses below in this resolution;

Whereas, these findings raise residential concerns about the safety of pedestrians, including seniors, disabled people, children, and pets;

Whereas, the local residents have also submitted 311 requests with Service Numbers 22-00539962; 22-00527535; 22-00540405; 22-00528621; 22-00536395; 22-00540411; 22-00540417; 22-00536496; 22-00539195; 22-00540301; 22-00536846; 22-00539191; 22-00538052; 22-00539207; 22-00527553; 22-00528619; 22-00474539; 22-00535596; 22-00535591; 22-00535593; 22-00540459; 22-00540449; 22-00535601; 22-00535599; and 22-00540474.

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that raised crosswalks³ be installed at the following locations where crosswalks are currently unmarked⁴:

- Across Rodman St NW at 3807 Rodman St NW to connect with the SW corner of 38th St NW
- Across 39th St NW at Rodman St NW (near 3770 39th St NW, connecting the NE and NW corners of the intersection)

¹ <https://twitter.com/dcfireems/status/1565792679744737281>

² With the goal of bringing the streets in line with requirements outlined in DC Code 50-2201.28 (pedestrian right-of-way); DC Municipal Regulation (DCMR) 18-2200.5 (which requires drivers to reduce speed when entering intersections); DCMR 18-2300 (which imposes heightened duty of care on drivers when children are present); and DC Code 7-1004 (which imposes strict civil liability on drivers who hit blind and/or deaf pedestrians with a cane or guide dog).

³ Such as on the 4100 block of Albemarle St NW (in front of Janney Elementary School).

⁴ Crosswalks are defined by DCMR 18-9901 as “that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; or any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.” Drivers are already required, under DC Code 50-2201.28(a), to “stop and remain stopped” when a pedestrian is crossing within “any marked crosswalk, or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection” so the changes requested will not change the legal responsibilities of drivers.

- Across 39th St NW at Rodman St NW (near 3760 39th St NW, connecting the SE and SW corners of the intersection)
- Across 39th St NW at Porter St NW (3700 block of 39th St NW, connecting the NE and NW corners of the intersection) leading to Tot Lot and park
- At traffic island on Porter St and 38th St NW (between 3811 Porter St NW and 3816 Porter St NW and 3808 Porter St NW)
- Across Porter St NW at Plattsburg Ct NW (at 3880 Porter St NW)
- Across 39th St NW at Langley Ct NW (at 3551 39th St NW, connecting the SE and SW corners of the intersection)
- Across Newark St NW at 38th St NW (near 3801 Newark St, connecting the NW and SW corners of the intersection);

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that the unmarked crosswalks⁵ listed above be marked and made accessible to the disabled if raised crosswalks cannot be installed at these locations.

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that “Stop” signs with bump-out curbs⁶ be installed at the following locations:

- Southbound on 39th St NW at Rodman St NW (near 3801 39th St NW)
- Northbound on 39th St NW at Rodman St NW (near 3770 39th St NW)
- Southbound on 39th St NW at Porter St NW (3700 block of 39th St NW)
- Northbound on 39th St NW at Porter St NW (3600 block of 39th St NW)
- Northbound on 38th St NW at level of Plattsburg Ct NW (near 3825 Porter St NW)
- At crosswalk at southbound 38th St NW at level of Plattsburg Ct NW (near 3601 38th St NW)
- Eastbound on Newark St NW at 38th St NW (near 3801 Newark St)
- Westbound on Newark St NW at 38th St NW;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that the existing “Stop” signs at these locations be enhanced with bump-out curbs at the following locations:

- Northbound 38th St NW at Rodman St NW (near 3690 38th St NW)
- Southbound 39th St NW at Langley Ct NW (3600 block of 39th St NW)
- Northbound 39th St NW at Newark St NW (3400 block of 39th St NW)
- Southbound 39th St NW at Newark St NW (3500 block of 39th St NW);

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that speed humps⁷ be installed at the following locations:

- At 3839 Rodman St NW
- At 3700 block of 39th St NW
- At 3400 block of 39th St NW (halfway between Macomb NW and Newark St NW)
- At 3600 block of 38th St NW
- At 3811 Newark St NW
- At 3881 Newark St NW;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that a dedicated left turn arrow traffic light be installed for the left lane of northbound Wisconsin Ave NW (at 3800 block of Wisconsin Ave NW) for cars turning left onto Rodman St NW at the end of the cycle to clear the intersection and, because the addition of a left turn arrow may affect pedestrian signal timing at the intersection, that DDOT base pedestrian signal timing on the needs of seniors and people with disabilities;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that “No Right Turn on Red” signs be installed at the following locations:

⁵ As defined by DCMR 18-9901.

⁶ <https://twitter.com/ddotdc/status/1005147576683855872?lang=en>

⁷ Such as the ones on the 3400 block of Lowell St NW.

- Rodman St NW facing East at Wisconsin Ave NW (3800 block of Rodman NW)—add “No Turn on Red” sign to right side of the Sidwell driveway, where drivers will see it better
- For cars turning out of City Ridge’s garage to go southbound on Wisconsin Ave NW (at 3900 block of Wisconsin Ave NW)
- Right lane of southbound Wisconsin Ave NW at Rodman St NW intersection;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that pedestrian safety and crossing be prioritized at the intersection of 39th St NW and Rodman St NW by, for example, increasing the size of traffic island at 39th St NW and Rodman St NW so that pedestrians using the long crosswalk across Rodman St NW can have a safe haven from speeding cars or, alternatively, turn this traffic island into a traffic circle, and at a minimum, mark all crosswalks at all intersections and reduce their length as much as possible;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that speed limit signs for 20 MPH⁸ be installed at the following locations:

- On 3800 block of Rodman St NW
- On 3800 block of Porter St NW
- On 3800 block of Newark St NW
- On 3300 block of 39th St NW;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by requesting that “Children at Play” signs be added at the following locations:

- At 3600 block of 39th St NW
- At 3800 block of Porter St NW;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C calls on DDOT to enhance the safety of the community by repainting the double yellow line at the 3800 block of Rodman St NW at intersection with Wisconsin Ave NW;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C urges DDOT to install the maximum amount of pedestrian safety infrastructure if the above requests cannot be met for design and/or legal reasons, provided that DDOT gives the ANC a written explanation for any denial, including citations to the relevant law, regulation, or policy involved (where applicable);

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C urges DDOT to treat these individual requests in a systemic way so as to maximize pedestrian safety as opposed to a piecemeal approach;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C urges DDOT to consider, where possible, measures that both improve pedestrian safety and eliminate as few parking spaces as possible, e.g., maintaining parking spaces when creating bump-out curbs for “Stop” signs or crosswalks⁹;

Be it resolved that ANC 3C requests that DDOT meet with McLean Gardens community after reviewing the resolution to discuss how DDOT may prioritize the traffic calming requests.

Be it resolved that ANC 3C requests traffic enforcement be increased in the McLean Gardens area;

Be It Resolved that the ANC authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C05 and 3C06 to represent the Commission on this matter.

⁸ <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/twenty-mph-20-mph-default-speed-limit-frequently-asked-questions>

⁹ Such as at the crosswalk in front of 2447 18th St NW and the crosswalks at the intersection of 18th St NW and T St NW.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beau Finley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'F'.

Beau Finley

Chair, on December 13, 2022

This resolution was approved by voice vote on December 13, 2022, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.