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By Electronic Mail

February 20, 2024

RE: ANC3C Letter Requesting Updated Design Plans for Connecticut Avenue Multimodal Safety Improvement Project as Part of Funded FY24 Budget

Mayor Muriel Bowser, City Administrator Kevin Donahue, Interim Director Sharon Kershbaum, and Councilmember Charles Allen,

We write to ask for Updated Design Plans for Connecticut Avenue Multimodal Safety Improvement Project, which was Part of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Funded FY24 Budget. If these updated designs are not available, we would like to know where these budgeted funds were spent. ANC3C's support for Concept C, builds on resolutions passed on <a href="September 19, 2022">September 19, 2022</a> (2022-014), <a href="September 20, 2021(2021-013">September 20, 2021(2021-013)</a>), and <a href="April 19th">April 19th</a>, <a href="2021">2021 (2021-005</a>) and a letter sent to you <a href="September 18, 2023</a>. We would like to point out here that DDOT and the Executive Office of the Mayor has yet to respond to our letter dated September 18, 2023, which means it's past the required deadline for response to ANCs.

This project holds significant importance for our neighborhood in ensuring the safety and accessibility of our streets for all residents and visitors. Updated design plans for the Connecticut Avenue Multimodal Safety Improvement Project were included as part of the FY24 budget but have yet to be presented. Given the critical nature of this project and its impact on the safety and well-being of our community members, we kindly request that the DDOT promptly provide us with the updated design plans.

Clear communication and transparency regarding the progress of this project are essential for fostering trust and collaboration between the DDOT and our community. We believe that by sharing the updated design plans, we can engage in constructive dialogue and ensure that the project aligns with the needs and priorities of our neighborhood.

Moreover, we are committed to actively supporting initiatives that enhance the safety and livability of our community. Therefore, having access to the updated design plans will enable us to

effectively communicate with our constituents and gather valuable feedback to inform the project's development.

We understand that undertaking projects of this magnitude involves various complexities and challenges. However, we urge the DDOT to prioritize the timely explanation regarding the Connecticut Avenue Multimodal Safety Improvement Project to foster greater transparency and accountability. In this spirit, if the design plans were not created, we would like to know how the budgeted funds were spent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to receiving the updated design plans or an explanation for where the budgeted funds were spent and continuing our collaboration to ensure the success of this vital project. We hope these factors are included in the performance oversight report for DDOT. We will also note that DDOT's pre-oversight hearing document provided to Council included the fact that the intersection of Cathedral and Connecticut Avenues tops the list of Pedestrian Crash Locations Identified in 2023. This is one of only many of the high injury crash locations identified on Connecticut Avenue that our community was told would be improved by Concept C. We have repeatedly asked for more immediate safety measures to be taken and told we must wait for Concept C plans to be complete. We are simply requesting an update on the promise made to improve safety on the Avenue that Concept C was selected to provide.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on February 20, 2024 with a quorum present, a quorum being five commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C voted 8-0-0 to provide written comments

Sincerely,

Janell Pagats
Chair ANC 3C

Single Member District 3C03

CC: Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Member of the Council of the District of Columbia