

ANC 1C Resolution in Support of DDOT Traffic Study for the Intersection of Florida Avenue NW, 18th and U Streets NW

Whereas, the quality of life in Adams Morgan is of paramount importance to our neighborhood; and

Whereas, the intersections at Florida Avenue and 18th and U Streets are vital for business and recreational purposes for pedestrians, cyclists, mass transit users (WMATA bus routes 90,96, X3), delivery vehicles (UPS, USPS, FedEx), food/alcohol delivery vehicles, transportation network company users (Via, Uber, Lyft), and motor vehicle operators; and

Whereas, commissioners of ANC 1C and ANC 2B, and members of the community observed the following safety concerns and offer the following suggestions for improvement:

Southbound 18th Street Traffic	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vehicles turning right on red in violation of “no right on red” sign - vehicles failing to yield to yellow signal while taking left to get on U street <i>and</i> often vehicles extend beyond the box and into crosswalks - WMATA buses failing to yield to yellow signal while turning left to proceed down U street <i>and</i> often the busses extend beyond the box and in crosswalks - vehicles not yielding to pedestrians crossing 18th Street crosswalk, north of Vernon and 18th Streets intersection - pedestrians crossing 18th Street in an unsafe manner, south of Vernon and 18th Streets intersection and north of U and 18th Streets intersection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relocate “no right on red” sign closer to intersection and more visible to drivers - Reconfigure light timing and implement “bus priority” light for public transportation - Add Hawk signal or similar signage to indicate crosswalk - Add a crosswalk across 18th street, south of Vernon/18 street intersection and north of U street/18th street intersection - Repaint guidance markings and cyclist markings - Add “Don’t block the box” signage - Add ticketing camera for speeding and right on red turns

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left lane traffic signal has “green arrow” and “green yield to traffic” lights - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint 	
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Eastbound Vernon Street Traffic (to Southbound 18th)	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles turn left on “no left turn” headed northbound on 18th street - Vehicles cross a southbound lane of 18th street of traffic to utilize the southbound 18th street left turn lane to head eastbound on Florida Avenue - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint - Two signs indicate “no left turn” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repaint/add guidance markings and cyclist markings - Reconfigure signal light timing and coordinate with “bus priority” light (18th sb) for public transportation - Remove “green light” and replace with “green arrow lights - Add “no left turn” sign earlier in traffic flow

Northbound 18th Street Traffic	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vehicles turning right on red in violation of “no right on red” sign - vehicles failing to yield to yellow signal while taking right to get on U street <i>and</i> extends vehicle beyond the box and in crosswalks - vehicles turning left on Florida enter the intersection and block on-coming traffic (ambiguous signage on pedestrian) - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint - Bicyclist, scooter users, and pedestrians using the crosswalk during do not cross signal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relocate “no right on red” sign closer to intersection and more visible to drivers - Add Lead Pedestrian Interval (LPI) and signage to permit/direct bicyclist and scooter users to use pedestrian crossing signal in order to safely and legally “jump the light” - Add no left turn sign and force traffic northbound on 18th Street or eastbound on U Street/Florida Avenue - Reconfigure signal light timing and coordinate with “bus priority” light (18th sb) for public transportation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bicyclist and scooter users “jumping the light” in order to get ahead of heavy congestion with vehicles going uphill - Vehicles parked on 18th street north of alley entrance to access businesses (Virginia Market to ACE Cash Express) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add “DONT BLOCK THE BOX” signage - Repaint guidance markings and cyclist markings
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Eastbound Florida Avenue Traffic	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles parked in front of businesses on south lane to U street eastbound (Virginia Market to ACE Cash Express) - Vehicles failing to yield to yellow signal crossing intersection <i>and</i> extends vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and oncoming 18th street traffic - Confusion with lane separation into two lanes: north lane to continue Florida Avenue northbound; and south lane to U street eastbound - Traffic flow has two street lights in very short distance - Vehicles using the north lane to continue to Florida Avenue lane encounter traffic blocking the intersection from westbound U street headed to 18th street northbound - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint, particularly for the 1-2 lane switch and left/north verge Florida Avenue lane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify parking for businesses on the south side of the street (Virginia Market to ACE Cash Express) - Add “DONT BLOCK THE BOX” signage - Relocate “No left turn” sign posted at the intersection of 18th on pedestrian island closer and more visible - Reconfigure signal light timing and coordinate with “bus priority” light (18th sb) for public transportation - Repaint guidance markings and cyclist markings - Add traffic/lane flow signage before intersection - Reconfigure traffic light at Florida Ave / U St to provide eastbound traffic sufficient time to turn onto Florida Ave

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 street lights indicate directions and use green directional arrows at 18street intersection - No right turns permitted onto 18th southbound from 4pm-6pm 	
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Westbound U Street Traffic	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two lanes of traffic flow: north lane for Florida Avenue northbound traffic and 18th Street northbound traffic; and south lane for Florida Avenue southbound traffic and 18th Street southbound traffic - Vehicles in north lane traffic headed to 18th street northbound fail to yield to yellow signal crossing intersection <i>and</i> extends vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and on coming northbound Florida Avenue traffic - Vehicles in north lane traffic headed to 18th street northbound violate the “no right on red” sign - Vehicles in north lane traffic headed to N. 18th street often illegally change to the south lane continuing to Florida Avenue or southbound 18th street - Vehicles in south lane traffic headed to 18th southbound or continuing to Florida Avenue southbound fail to yield to both the yellow signal crossing intersections at 18th & Florida and U & Florida; therefore, extending the vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add traffic/lane flow signage both before Florida Avenue intersection and again at Florida Avenue intersection - Add “DONT BLOCK THE BOX” signage at both intersections - Replace “NO RIGHT ON RED” with “PED-XING” at the intersection of the north lane traffic headed to 18th - Reconfigure signal light timing and coordinate with “bus priority” light (18th sb) for public transportation - Remove “green light” and replace with “green arrow lights (left and forward)” at 18th Street intersection

<p>on coming northbound Florida Avenue traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles in south lane traffic headed to 18th southbound have directional green arrow <i>and</i> green go signal and often cause congestion - Vehicles in south lane traffic headed to 18th southbound or continuing to Florida Avenue southbound often speed to make the light - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint 	
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Westbound Florida Avenue Traffic	
Observations	Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One lane separates into two lanes of traffic flow: north lane for 18th Street northbound traffic; and south lane for Florida Avenue southbound traffic and 18th Street southbound traffic - Vehicles choosing the north lane headed to 18th street northbound often extend vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and on coming U street traffic - Vehicles choosing the south lane headed to 18th southbound have directional green arrow <i>and</i> green go signal and often cause congestion, therefore extending vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and on coming 18th street traffic - Vehicles choosing the south lane headed to Florida Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add traffic/lane flow signage both before U Street intersection and again at U Street intersection - Add “DONT BLOCK THE BOX” signage at both intersections (U and 18th Street) - Repaint guidance markings and cyclist markings - Reconfigure signal light timing and coordinate with “bus priority” light (18th sb) for public transportation

<p>southbound speed through intersections to make the light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles choosing the south lane headed to Florida Avenue southbound often fail to yield to yellow at 18th and Florida Intersection, therefore extending vehicle beyond the box, in crosswalks, and on coming U street traffic - Faded/removed traffic flow/guide street paint. 	
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Eastbound Vernon Street Traffic (to Southbound 18th)	
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Be it further resolved, ANC 1C requests that DDOT conduct a traffic study to better understand traffic patterns at this intersection, keeping in mind the community’s issues of concern and potential recommendations.

Be it further resolved, ANC 1C requests DDOT traffic enforcement officers to provide support at this intersection during rush hours.

18th Street - U Street - Florida Avenue



SB 18th Street
EB Florida Avenue
WB U Street

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