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Mr. Everett Lott
Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
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RE: Streetscape Improvements on U Street Between 14th Street
and 18th Street NW

Dear Director Lott:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 3/2/2022, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C voted 7-0-0 in support of the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

Fiona Clem
Chairperson, ANC 1C

cc: Mignon Bowie, DDOT Community Engagement Specialist , Ward 1, mignon.bowie@dc.gov
Hon. Jake Faleschini, 1C07 Commissioner; 1C07@anc.dc.gov



**Resolution in support of Streetscape Improvements on U Street
Between 14th Street and 18th Street NW**

WHEREAS, DC’s FY 2022 budget contains \$1.7 million for “streetscape improvements” on U Street between 14th Street and 18th Street NW,

WHEREAS, this stretch of U Street NW has several particularly dangerous, highly trafficked intersections, including at 14th Street NW, 16th Street NW, 17th Street NW, and 18th Street NW, with pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle conflicts creating dangerous conditions for all road users,

WHEREAS, very narrow sidewalks create mobility challenges for pedestrians and other sidewalk users, particularly between 17th Street and 18th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the presence of residential trashcans on the sidewalk further exacerbates the challenges that sidewalk users face,

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of bicycle infrastructure such as bike lanes; Capital Bikeshare stations, aside from the station at Florida Avenue and California Street NW; and bicycle and scooter parking facilities,

WHEREAS, inadequate street lighting contributes to both crime and personal security concerns, as well as fall/injury concerns,

WHEREAS, there is already competition for on-street parking, which is important for small, locally-owned businesses along the corridor,

WHEREAS, Metrobuses experience delays caused by ride-share drop-offs and pick-ups, commercial loading, and illegal U-turns, and the DC Circulator is scheduled to begin service along the corridor soon, and

WHEREAS, recent experience has demonstrated the value of genuine public engagement by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on proposed street improvements and the neighborhood residents’ interest in being informed and offering input to the nature and timing of DDOT’s plans.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C urges DDOT to publish as soon as possible its schedule and process for public engagement with the residents of ANC 1C regarding these streetscape improvements, and how it plans to engage residents in neighboring ANC 1B and ANC 2B as well, including the holding of public meetings either virtually or in person to examine options.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C urges DDOT to include a circulator stop on or near the 1700 Block of U St, and make any sidewalk modifications required to make the stop feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C strongly urges DDOT to base its design and public engagement on a quantified assessment of current traffic conditions; a review of current modal split, including bus, car, van, and bicycle; and examination of pedestrian traffic patterns and safety in the corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C asks DDOT to consider altering and/or reducing the number of general travel lanes along the corridor and widening the sidewalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C asks DDOT to work with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and DC Health's Rodent and Vector Control Division on a better system for trashcan placement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C asks DDOT to review lane markings and traffic signal timing to improve safety along the corridor.