



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) 5D
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District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Director Dormsjo:

I hope this message finds you well. Enclosed, please find correspondence from ANC 5D. At a properly-noticed public meeting held April 12, 2016, ANC 5D voted **4-1** (with 4 Commissioners required for quorum) to submit the enclosed formal request for District government action, in accordance with DC Code § 1-309.10(h)(1), which reads:

*“Each Commission may initiate its own proposal for District government action. The District government entity to which the proposal is made shall acknowledge the proposal in writing to the initiating Commission within **10 days** of receipt of the proposal and shall issue a status report to the initiating Commission within **60 days** of receipt.”*

ANC 5D is requesting that DDOT conduct a traffic study of the 17th Street NE corridor between Benning Road NE and Bladensburg Road NE. This formal request follows concerns raised by constituents and MPD at our March 2016 monthly meeting, as well as a service request closed in March 2015 (SR 15-00024521). Our present concerns include:

- Speeding along 17th St NE, particularly between Maryland Ave and M St during AM/PM rush hours
- Persistent difficulty with and dangerous conditions while crossing 17th Street at both Lang Place and Lyman Place, both of which are uncontrolled intersections. Many children and elderly residents live in the area.
- Vehicular “box-blocking” due to overflow at rush hours at Maryland Ave (from Benning Rd traffic) and at Lang/Lyman (from stopped L St and M St traffic). At our March 2016 meeting MPD officials shared that they have added traffic patrols to this area, but have found that their enforcement efforts, in the form of issuing citations, have worsened congestion in this area during rush hour.
- As DDOT may already be aware, multiple high-density developments are currently being proposed at the southern end of the requested study area (17th & H St and 17th & Benning Rd). Traffic to/from these developments may exacerbate the current concerns outlined above.

As exemplified above, the commercial and residential development of the H St corridor is now spreading north and east to the areas surrounding Bladensburg Rd, and ANC 5D believes additional developments in the area are likely to ensue. If the concerns outlined above go unaddressed, future commercial and residential projects near the Bladensburg Rd corridor are likely to increase vehicular and pedestrian traffic while decreasing pedestrian safety, exponentially compounding the problem.

On behalf of ANC 5D,

Adam Roberts, Chairperson, ANC 5D

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