



Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

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Dear Messrs. Dormsjo and Ayers:

On June 10, 2015, at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send this letter requesting that the District Department of Transportation and the Architect of the Capitol work collaboratively to design and install a protected “cycletrack” facility on Louisiana Avenue.

In the Commission’s view, the creation of a protected bicycle facility on Louisiana Ave. is necessary to provide safe and efficient passage between Union Station and the Capitol. At present, these two critically important hubs are separated by a series of multi-lane roads (*i.e.*, Massachusetts Ave., North Capitol, Constitution Ave., Louisiana Ave.) that are difficult for even the most experienced cyclist to navigate. We believe that a Louisiana Ave. cycletrack facility would benefit a diverse set of users including federal employees who commute to and from the Capitol grounds, District residents of all ages who seek recreational activity, and thousands of tourists who annually explore our nation’s most important sites.

The Commission further believes that a protected cycletrack facility on Louisiana Ave is vital to the District’s efforts to expand its bicycle network. A Louisiana Ave facility would transform two disparate sets of existing protected bicycle facilities into a contiguous, unified network of protected facilities by linking the soon-to-be-completed 1st St NE cycletrack and Metropolitan Branch Trail to the north with the Pennsylvania Ave. cycletrack to the west. In terms of the District’s bicycle network, we note that DDOT first identified the importance of a Louisiana Ave bicycle facility ten years ago when it published its 2005 Bicycle Master Plan and reaffirmed that importance last year when it published its moveDC Plan.

As part of the design and installation of a new cycletrack facility, the Commission respectfully requests that the Architect of the Capitol remove one of the three lanes of parking on Louisiana Ave between Massachusetts Ave. and North Capitol Street. We believe the removal of one parking lane will provide the space necessary to create a viable cycletrack facility while also restoring sightlines to Union Station from the south.

In closing, we thank you for your collective efforts and look forward to the opportunity to work with your staffs regarding any matters relating to facility design and implementation.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,



Karen Wirt

ANC 6C Chairperson

cc: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council Member  
Jim Sebastian, District Department of Transportation  
Mike Goodno, District Department of Transportation  
Nancy Skinkle, Architect of the Capitol  
Jamie Herr, Architect of the Capitol