

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Stephen T. Ayers, FAIA, LEED AP
Architect of the Capitol
U.S. Capitol, Room SB-16
Washington, DC 20515

Leif Dormsjo
Director, District Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street, NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ayers and Director Dormsjo:

As co-chairs of the Congressional Bike Caucus, we write in support of a proposed bike facility on Louisiana Avenue. As you know, Louisiana Avenue has been identified as a key connection between the protected bike lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue NW and the recently-completed cycle track on 1st St NE. The share of workers commuting by bicycle in DC has more than doubled since 2009, mirroring city investment in bike infrastructure. In order to continue this positive trend of bike commuting, it is critical to expand the bike facility network and fill existing holes, like Louisiana Avenue.

Just last month, the Architect of the Capitol's office (AOC) was recognized as a bronze level Bicycle Friendly Business. This award acknowledges an increase in bike commuters on the Capitol campus, workplace encouragement of bicycling, and investment in bicycle facilities. City construction of a bike facility on Louisiana Avenue would make a strong and visible statement in support of the work the AOC is doing on Capitol Hill.

As co-chairs of the Congressional Bike Caucus, we represent members of Congress and staff that bike in the District of Columbia and understand the importance of investment in bike infrastructure in making streets safer, encouraging bicycling, and reducing congestion. We urge your organizations to work together on the proposed Louisiana Avenue bike facility in the coming weeks, and we respectfully request an update on the status of this project.

Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress
Co-Chair, Congressional Bike Caucus



Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress
Co-Chair, Congressional Bike Caucus