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Everett Lott, Interim Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

CC:

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 5
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Petition in support of Lincoln Road NE Protected Bike Lanes and Traffic Calming

Director Lott,

We, the undersigned, ask the District Department of Transportation to plan and construct a new streetscape including a two way protected bike lane for Lincoln Road NE between 4th St NE and Rhode Island Avenue NE to help address chronic speeding and unsafe conditions for cyclists, scooter riders, pedestrians and drivers alike.

A steep hill, a blind curve, a narrow sidewalk, and a pattern of dangerous speeding make Lincoln Road an unappealing and unsafe place for getting around. This creates a hazardous situation for both drivers and cyclists as they share a narrow lane. It also forces pedestrians to share the sidewalk with cyclists and scooters who are seeking a safe alternative.

Lincoln Road protected bike lanes would also serve to connect the neighborhoods of Brookland, Edgewood, Eckington, and Bloomingdale, and the busy bike lanes on R and 4th St NE. The newly completed Edgewood Recreation Center and the Inspired Teaching Public Charter School are on Lincoln Road and are frequented by many community members, including children. Protected bicycle infrastructure would also create a new safe and efficient option for residents of Brookland, Edgewood, and other Ward 5 neighbors to travel to neighborhoods south and west.

Installing a two way protected bike lane on Lincoln Road NE would fit within the current street width due to an existing northbound driving/parking lane. Currently, much of the available parking is inconsistently utilized. It would require very little infrastructure and taxpayer money.

In 2019, DDOT listed the installation of a cycletrack here on the yearly work plan, but in the two years since nothing has come to fruition. We were thrilled to see Lincoln Road finally included in the bicycle priority network in the 2021 update of the MoveDC plan. It's our understanding that Lincoln is scheduled for repaving as early as this year. Building on the helpful precedent your Department set this year with a similar facility on West Virginia Avenue, we urge you to combine these projects and install new safe cycling infrastructure as part of this general street work.

Sincerely,
 555 community residents
 (individual names listed below)

Submitted Electronically

Location	Signers
Ward 5	323
5A	15
5B	59
5C	23
5D	22
5E	206
Friends of Ward 5	230
Total	555

