

November 3, 2022

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Bicycle Program Specialist
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: NOI# 22-244 PSD Roadway Pattern Modification of 4th St SW

Mr. Handsfield,

On behalf of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and our more than 7,000 members in the Washington region, I am pleased to write in enthusiastic support of the proposed protected bike lane and traffic safety improvements on 4th St. SW. As seen with the previous upgrades to 4th St. north of I St SW, this project will make substantial improvements to the comfort and safety of biking and walking on the corridor, while simultaneously providing a more predictable and calm environment for drivers.

The new protected bike lanes will close a key gap in the tremendously popular SW low stress bike network, connecting people to homes, jobs, transit, shopping, and entertainment. WABA fully supports this project for completion.

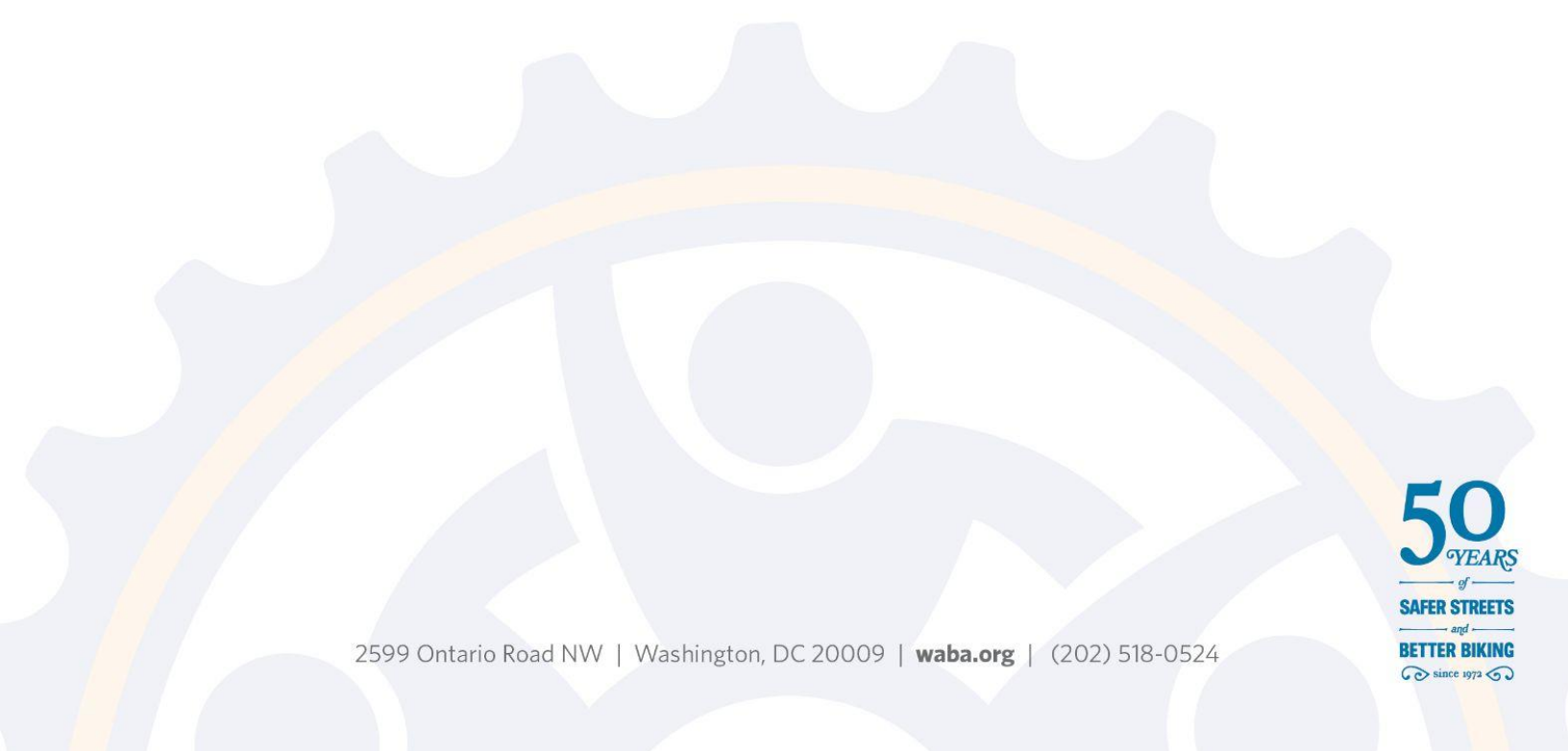
As you finalize the plans for construction and implementation, please address the following comments:

1. Add flex posts in the bike lane buffer zone all the way up to the crosswalk at 4th & M to discourage drivers turning through the bike lanes, especially at the NW corner.
2. Provide more maneuvering room for the lateral bike lane shifts around curb lines to allow more gradual bike turns, especially between M and I St

3. Remove one side of car parking immediately south of I (Eye) St to provide one side of full-width parking/loading and full-width protected bike lanes. The proposed 4' bike lanes with a 2' buffer adjacent to 7' parking lane do not meet acceptable design minimums and do not leave sufficient room for error, sloppy parking, wide vehicles, or swinging doors. The design leaves too little room for safe and comfortable bicycling at reasonable speeds.

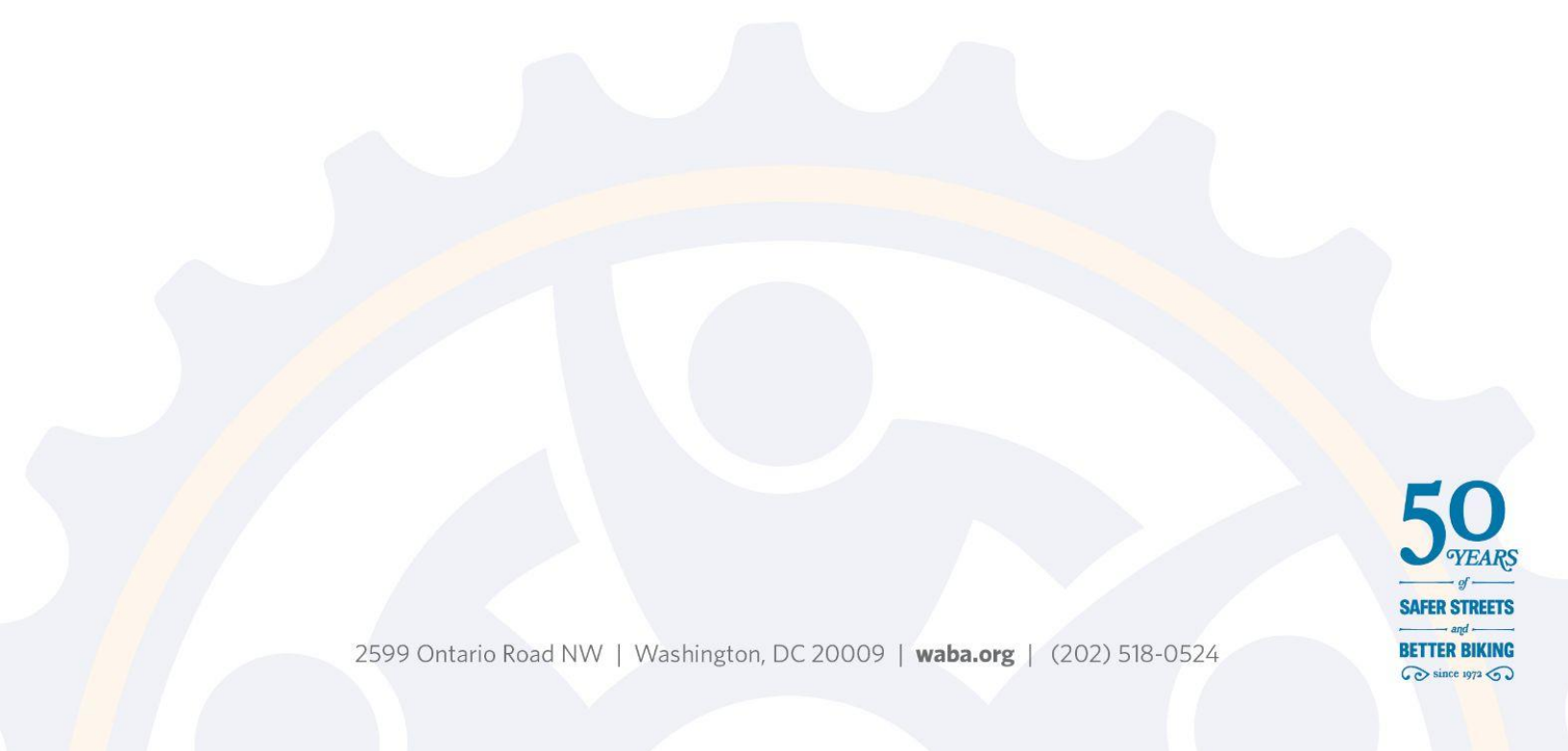
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Please contact me at 202-656-3078 or garrett.hennigan@waba.org if you have any follow up questions.

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