



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A

RESOLUTION

Resolution in opposition to proposed traffic changes to the 4200-4300 blocks of 10th Street NE; Resolution in support of alternative traffic calming measures on 10th Street NE and surrounding streets and alleys

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A (ANC 5A or the Commission) takes note of the following:

Whereas, the alleys that run parallel to west side of 10th Street NE, on the 4200 and 4300 blocks, are subject to a high volume of cut-through traffic;

Whereas, to address this concern, ANC 5A03 residents requested that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conduct a Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA) to assess the feasibility of:

- 1) converting the 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE to a two-way street;
- 2) installing traffic calming measures on the 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE;
- 3) installing signs on the north ends of the alleys restricting traffic during the morning rush hour; and
- 4) installing traffic calming measures on the 900 and 1000 blocks of Upshur Street NE.

Whereas, in response to this TSA request (17-00254238), DDOT conducted TSAs in January and February 2020 and concluded that, based on the data collected, traffic calming measures were not warranted on 10th Street NE or Upshur Street NE and signs restricting alley traffic during the morning rush hour were not warranted, but that 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE should be converted to a two-way street;

Whereas, to accommodate two-way traffic on 10th Street, DDOT also proposed to eliminate parking on the east side of 10th Street in Single Member District (SMD) 5B05;

Whereas, the Commissioner from SMD 5A03 solicited input on DDOT's proposal via email, and at a Zoom meeting held on April 29, 2020 from residents residing on the 3900-4300 blocks of 10th Street, and the 900 blocks of Taylor Street, Upshur Street, and Varnum Street NE;

Whereas, the Commissioner for SMD 5B05 held a meeting to discuss DDOT's proposal on April 27, 2020, which included residents residing on the east side of 10th Street NE on the 4200-4300

blocks and the 1000 blocks of Taylor Street, Taussig Place, Upshur Street, Urell Place, and Varnum Street NE;

Whereas, a majority of residents from both SMD 5A03 and 5B05 rejected DDOT's proposal to convert the 4200-4300 blocks of 10th Street to a two-way street and instead urged DDOT to consider alternative traffic calming measures that would not necessitate the elimination of parking or encourage increased traffic through the neighborhood,

And Whereas, the residents from both SMD 5A03 and 5B05 met with representatives from DDOT (Kelly Jeong-Olson) and MPD 4th District on May 20, 2021 to discuss alternative solutions,

Be it therefore resolved that ANC 5A:

- 1) Disapproves of DDOT's proposal to convert the 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE to a two-way street and to remove parking on the east side of those blocks; and
- 2) Strongly urges DDOT to instead implement the following traffic calming measures, which are also roughly depicted on the map at <https://bit.ly/3bF0ffG>:

To deter and calm alley traffic:

- a) Install speed bumps in the north-south alleys to the immediate east and west of the 4200-4300 blocks of 10th Street NE, and in the north-south alley immediately west of the 4200-4300 blocks of 12th Street NE; and
- b) Install flex posts along the center yellow line on the 900-1100 blocks of Taylor Street NE where alleys open up onto Taylor Street.

To calm traffic on Taussig Place, Upshur Street and Varnum Street NE:

- a) Install speed humps on the 1000 blocks of Taussig Place and Upshur Street NE;
- b) Install speed humps on the 900 blocks of Upshur Street and Varnum Streets NE; and
- c) Install a stop sign and a stop bar speed bump at the intersection of 10th Street and Upshur Street and 10th Street Taussig Place.

To deter wrong-way driving on the 4200-4300 blocks of 10th Street NE:

- a) Install flex post curb extensions on both sides of 10th Street, and a stop bar speed bump at the top of the 4300 block of 10th Street NE where it meets Varnum Street NE;
 - b) Install "Wrong Way" signs along the 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE facing southbound drivers; and
 - c) Install "No Left Turn" signs (or some suitable approximation thereof) along the 4200 and 4300 blocks of 10th Street NE facing westbound motorists on the 1000 blocks of Taussig Place, Upshur Street, Urell Place, and Varnum Street NE.
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To calm traffic, protect pedestrians, ease congestion, and deter motorists from cutting through the alleys and neighborhood streets from Taylor St NE:

- a) Install a left-turn-only lane with a dedicated left-turn signal phase on Taylor Street at the intersections of 10th and 12th Streets NE;
- b) Install left-turn hardening on Taylor Street at the intersections of 10th and 12th Streets NE;
- c) Review the signal timing on Taylor Street NE at the intersections of 10th and 12th Streets to ensure it is adequate, particularly for rush hour traffic volumes, and that it does not encourage red-light running or other reckless driving behavior; and
- d) Install two speed cameras between the 700-1000 blocks of Taylor Street NE to deter speeding motorists in the eastbound and westbound directions on Taylor Street, and if only one speed camera is feasible, install one camera in that same area to deter speeding from the direction where it occurs most frequently.

Adopted on _____ by a vote of ____, with four commissioners required for quorum, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public meeting with a quorum present.

Ronnie Edwards,
Chairperson, 5A

Date
