

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
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NOI-26-59-PSD

Roots PCS Safety Improvements

Dear Chairperson Christian,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this project is to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety around Roots PCS by improving visibility, reducing congestion, and creating safer spaces for the student population.

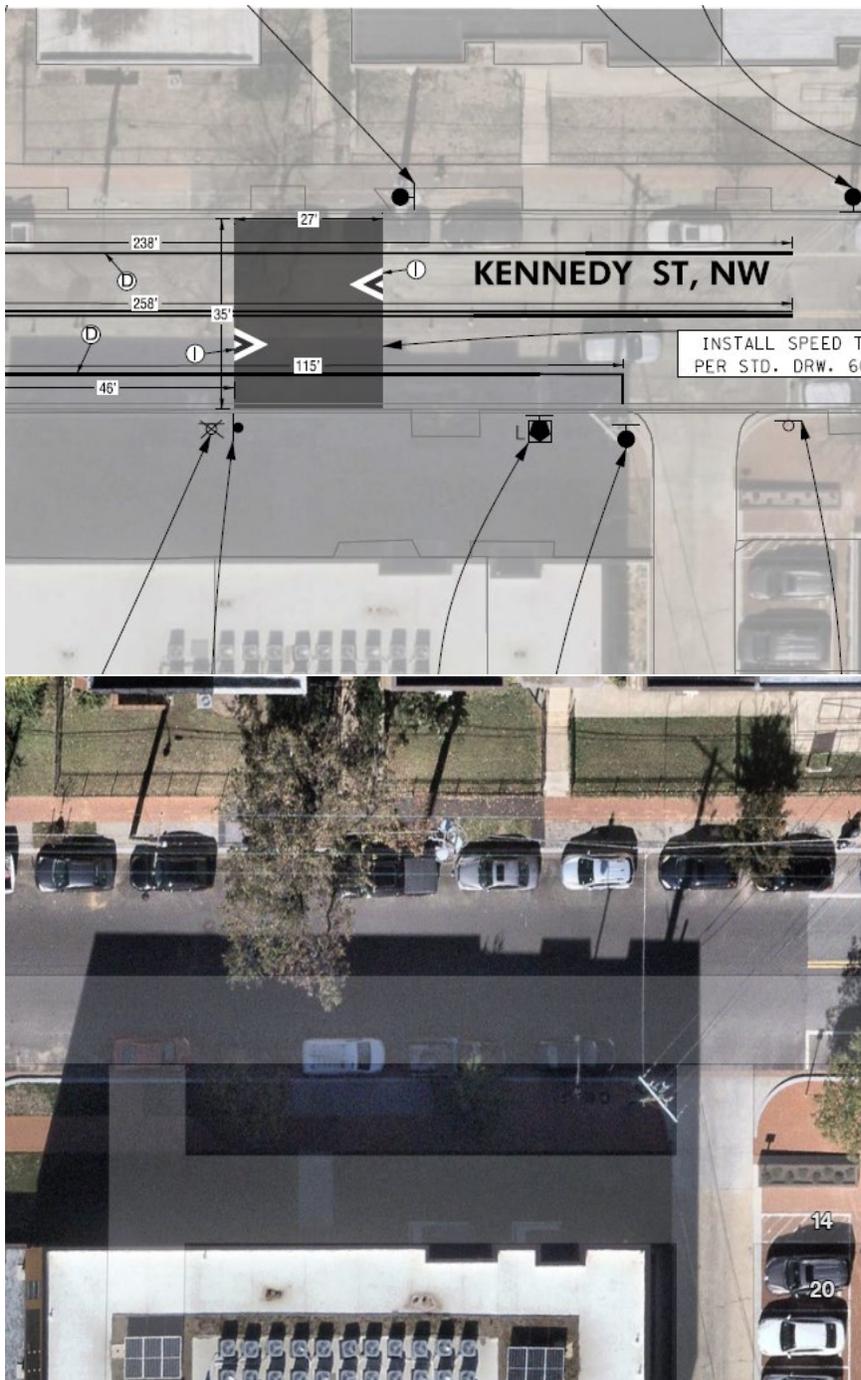
DETAILED PROPOSED ACTIONS

To support these safety goals, the project will implement targeted infrastructure improvements within a 350-foot radius around Roots PCS. These enhancements include installing new signage, upgrading existing signs, and introducing traffic-calming measures to improve pedestrian visibility for students and community members. Additionally, we will apply daylighting and install flex posts in designated no-parking areas to eliminate illegal parking and reduce blind spots, ensuring drivers have a clear view of pedestrians. Daylighting will also be applied near fire hydrants to maintain emergency access. Further improvements include adding and updating crosswalks, installing speed humps and a speed table, and adding a pedestrian refuge island.

VISUAL AID

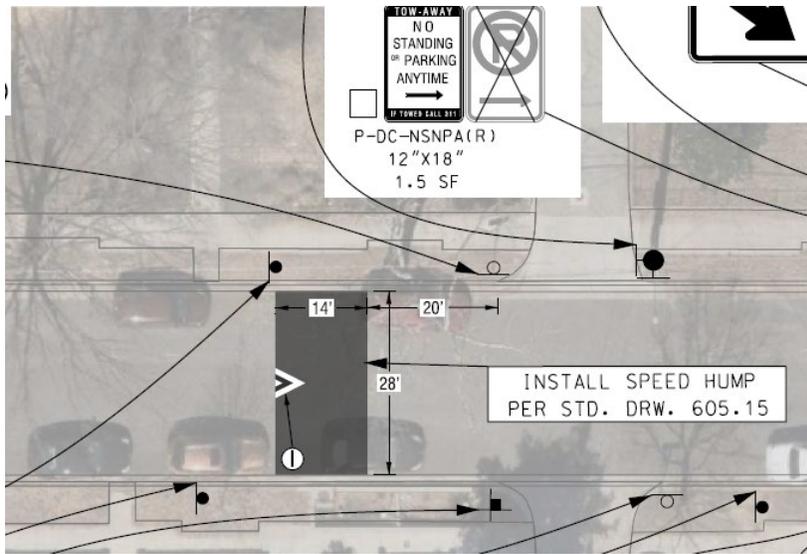
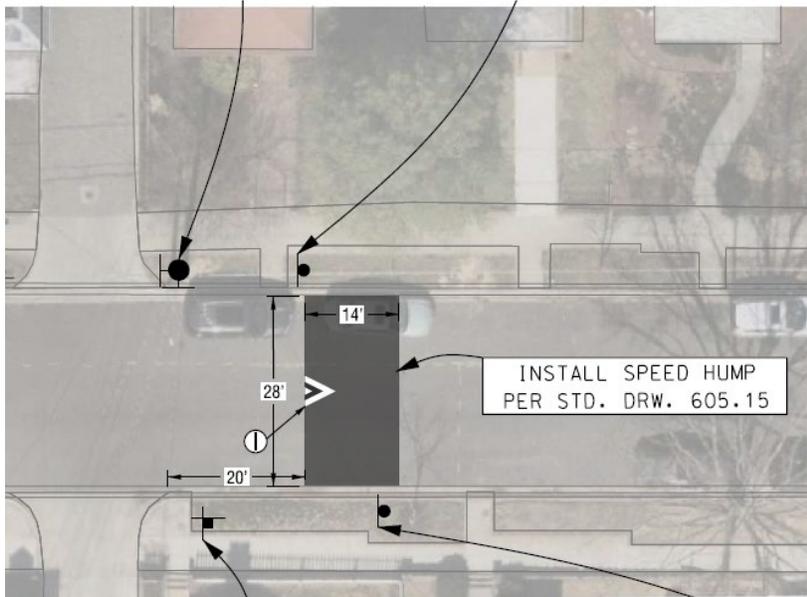
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KENNEDY ST NW AND FIRST PL NW:



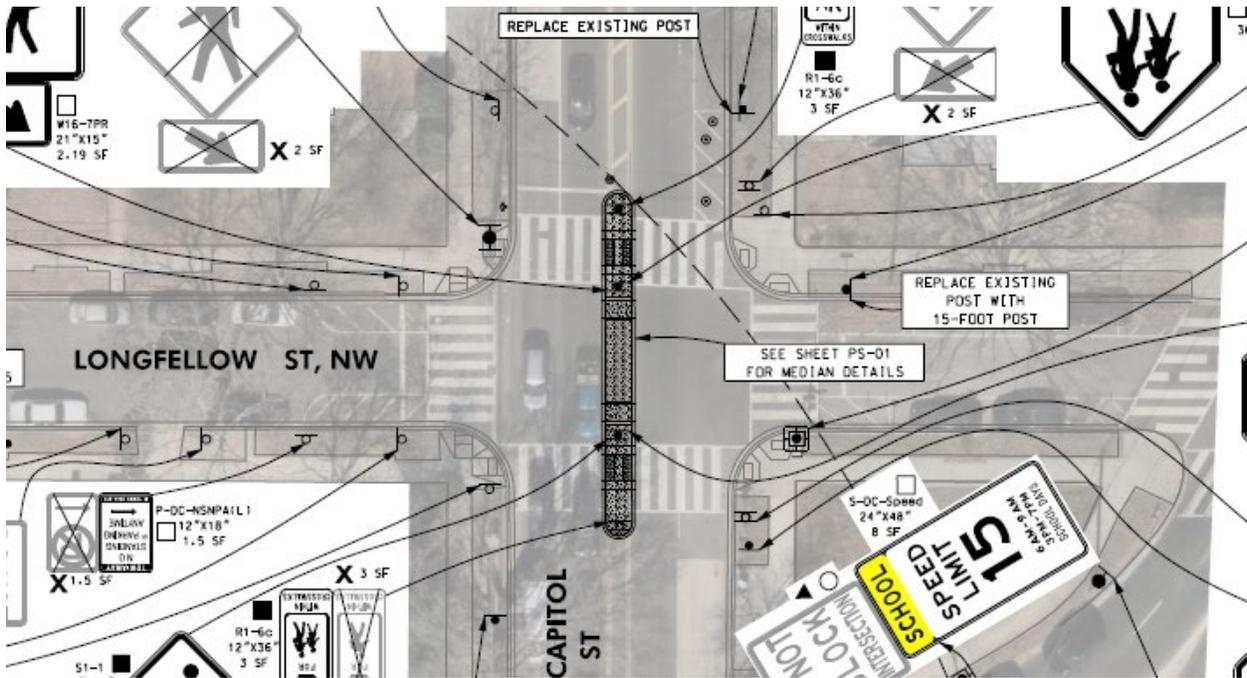
This is Kennedy St NW and First Pl NW, the main intersection in front of Roots PCS. We will be installing a mid-block speed table and re-stripping the yellow centerline.

LONGFELLOW ST NW:



Here we have the block of Longfellow St NW between North Capitol St and 1st St NW. We will be installing two speed humps on Longfellow St NW.

LONGFELLOW ST NW AND NORTH CAPITOL ST NW:



Here we have the intersection of North Capitol St NW and Longfellow St NW. North Capitol St is a minor arterial roadway with two lanes in each direction and relatively high motor vehicle speeds and volumes. The crosswalks across North Capitol St are currently uncontrolled. We will be installing accessible pedestrian refuge islands for both crosswalks crossing North Capitol St, including two 4-foot-wide bike cut-throughs.



Here we have the intersection of North Capitol St NW and New Hampshire Ave NW. Drivers turning from westbound New Hampshire Ave to southbound North Capitol St frequently veer into the crosswalk on the north leg while making the turn. This movement overlaps with the pedestrian signal for the same direction. A parent we spoke with mentioned that she walks outside the crosswalk at this location to avoid conflicts with turning vehicles. Shifting the west end of the crosswalk and the west curb ramp north would better align the crossing with the pedestrian signal head, which is currently located 20–30 feet north of the existing crosswalk markings.

Wide lane widths in this area also contribute to high motor vehicle speeds. The segment on the west side of New Hampshire Ave is over 20 feet wide but is designed as a single lane and is fed by a shared through/right-turn lane from southbound North Capitol St. This encourages higher speeds approaching Kennedy St NW. Additionally, vehicles turning from the New Hampshire Ave slip lane onto Kennedy St do so at high speeds, and parked cars at the corner create a visibility issue.

We will be installing a curb extension with flex posts and striping on the west side of New Hampshire Ave to narrow the lane to approximately 10–11 feet. Daylighting and flex post will also be added to the corner of Kennedy St NW to improve visibility and reduce turning speeds.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

There is no general on-street pick-up or drop-off activity for Roots PCS. The school is located on a collector roadway near minor arterial roads and has fewer than 100 students. Pick-up and drop-off occur in front of the school using a dual-access driveway, where drivers enter through one side to drop off their children and exit through the other.

We explored other measures to improve circulation, but due to property line constraints, the only feasible modification is signage. We will be installing Do Not Enter signs to prevent parents from entering through the wrong side of the driveway. Additionally, we will be installing wheel stops between the school and the sidewalk to prevent vehicles from parking on the sidewalk, which has created unsafe conditions for pedestrians.

These improvements are being implemented as part of the Safe Routes to School program to enhance safety for students and the surrounding community. All proposed measures are designed to improve pedestrian visibility, reduce vehicle speeds, and create a safer walking environment within 350 feet of Roots PCS.

DDOT is issuing this NOI with a 30-day public notice. All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by April 10th, 2026 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website <https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/overview> If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Planner
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AYUDA EN SU IDIOMA

Si necesita ayuda en Español, por favor llame al 202-671-2700 para proporcionarle un intérprete de manera gratuita.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Este documento contiene información importante. Si necesita ayuda en Español o si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, por favor llame al 202-671-2620. Infórmele al

representante de atención al cliente el idioma que habla para que le proporcione un intérprete sin costo para usted. Gracias.

AIDE LINGUISTIQUE

Si vous avez besoin d'aide en Français appelez-le 202-671-2700 et l'assistance d'un interprète vous sera fournie gratuitement.

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Nếu quý vị cần giúp đỡ về tiếng Việt, xin gọi 202-671-2700 để chúng tôi thu xếp có thông dịch viên đến giúp quý vị miễn phí.

THÔNG BÁO QUAN TRỌNG

Tài liệu này có nhiều thông tin quan trọng. Nếu quý vị cần giúp đỡ về tiếng Việt, hoặc có thắc mắc về thông báo này, xin gọi 202-671-2700. Nói với người trả lời điện thoại là quý vị muốn nói chuyên bằng tiếng Việt để chúng tôi thu xếp có thông dịch viên đến giúp quý vị mà không tốn đồng nào. Xin cảm ơn.

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한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하신 경우 202-671-2700 로 연락을 주시면 무료로 통역이 제공됩니다.

안내

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重要通知

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