

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4C
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**Re: Grant Circle Transportation Safety Improvements
NOI #17-86-PSD**

Dear Chairperson Teutsch:

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 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 modifications in your jurisdiction:

- **Implementation of the Grant Circle NW Buffered Bike Lane & Pedestrian Safety Improvement Concept Plan**

This modification is a result of analysis performed by DDOT to advance recommendations from the Rock Creek East II Livability Study, and from subsequent community engagement. The analysis and updated design were presented to the community on July 26, 2017. An executive summary outlining the proposed change to traffic operations was sent to the ANC on August 4, 2017.

DDOT's proposed recommendation for Grant Circle is to retain the existing two travel lanes around the circle but redesign the circle to include a variety of treatments to address safety concerns and manage vehicular traffic. These treatments are detailed in the Grant Circle NW Buffered Bike Lane & Pedestrian Safety Improvement Concept Plan, which is attached to this letter. The treatments include:

- Install a bicycle lane around the Circle, with a two-foot buffer from the adjacent travel lane. Flexposts will be installed in the buffer where the bicycle lane is not adjacent to on-street parking or a bus stop zone.
- Reduce New Hampshire Avenue between the Circle and Upshur Street NW from two travel lanes in each direction to one lane.
- Convert all approaches to the Circle to yield control.
- Install flexposts at selective locations to slow turning movements and shorten pedestrian crossing distance.
- Narrow the outer travel lane to 11 foot width.
- Reduce the turning radii at exits of Circle to calm traffic and improve safety at crosswalks.

- Narrow the New Hampshire Avenue approach north of the Circle to slow traffic entering the Circle.
- Revise striping to correct for one-way southbound travel at 5th Street NW south of the Circle.
- Shorten the pedestrian crossing distance at crosswalks.
- Maintain existing parking capacity at the circle.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Transportation Operations Administration at 55 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20003. Comments may also be sent via email to Ted Van Houten at theodore.vanhouten@dc.gov. To check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at: <http://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent>

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Grant Circle NW Buffered Bike Lane & Pedestrian Safety Improvement Concept Plan

