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The Honorable Kathy Patterson
Councilmember
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Patterson:

I am writing to you on behalf of ANC 3E, which at its regularly scheduled November 11 public meeting, voted unanimously (4-0) to send a letter to you regarding the planned Wisconsin Avenue Transportation Study.

As you are aware, we have been very concerned about the fact that the recommendations of the Office of Planning's Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study do not take into account many of the implications for the area's infrastructure. We know this is a concern which you have shared, and we were encouraged when the Office of Planning agreed in late September to work with the District's Department of Transportation so that a more thorough study of the traffic implications of the Corridor Study could be performed.

However, we have been stunned to find out that DDOT is not planning to include a scenario in the Transportation Study that matches the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study. DDOT plans to have its contractor on the project look at three scenarios of traffic conditions on Wisconsin Avenue, but within these three scenarios they have not included one that reflects the Corridor Study's recommendations.

I have attached for you another copy of an email dated October 20 that all the members of ANC 3E signed onto requesting that the scope of work for the contractor include such a scenario, along with a copy of the specific recommendations included with that email. I'll also note that this is something that was a focal point at each of the two pre-planning public meetings that DDOT held in advance of beginning work on the Transportation Study. At these meetings, residents who participated had a show of hands, and it is our understanding that there was unanimous agreement at both meetings that the planned Transportation Study should include such a scenario.

We are asking that you follow through on your previous commitment to us, which is that you would ensure that DDOT include a scenario in their Study which accurately mirrors the Corridor Study's recommendations. We simply do not believe that the impact of the Corridor Study's recommendations on our area can be assessed without this analysis, and are baffled that the District would seek to expend resources on this project without including this scenario.

Also, we would like your assistance on a related request that we have made to DDOT. DDOT and OP have, on several occasions, stated there will be an amendment to the scope of work for the Transportation Study which will update the original Friendship Heights Transportation Study, presumably to more accurately reflect the recommendations of the revised Corridor Study as well as to add a few problem intersections which have been repeatedly identified to DDOT. Although there have been repeated requests for a discussion on this scope of work, our ANC has not yet been provided with that opportunity. It would be most appreciated if you could make certain that the amendment is forthcoming.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you might need at this time, or if there is anyway that I or the other members of ANC 3E can assist you in making this request to DDOT.

Sincerely,

Chapman Todd
Commissioner, ANC 3E

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