



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

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July 14, 2005

Mr. Dan Tangherlini, Director
Department of Transportation
District of Columbia Government
2000 14th Street NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Tangherlini:

We are once again writing to you regarding the Traffic Barrier that was placed at the intersection of River Road at Fessenden and 45th Streets in December 2004. Specifically, we are writing to follow up on a commitment that was made by DDOT staff to ANC 3E Commissioner Chapman Todd that DDOT would be collecting data to assess the effectiveness of the barrier and its impact on nearby streets and alleys.

It is our understanding that this data collection will begin not later than the middle of July 2005, and that this collection will be done by the end of August. We do want to make it clear that we are frustrated that this data collection is beginning only after the end of the six-month trial period that was initially proposed for the barrier. In our last letter to you, dated May 12, we had stated that we hoped that a determination on the long term step for this intersection be in place by September 2005. Since this timeline clearly cannot be met, based on the current schedule for data collection, we are now asking the following of DDOT:

1. Confirmation that the data collection is taking place and that the collection will be done by the end of August.
2. A commitment that the analysis of the data will be done expeditiously, and that the data will be used to judge the effectiveness of the current situation as well as the potential effectiveness of possible alternatives or additions that have been raised by both DDOT staff and community members, such as a traffic signal, stop signs, a roundabout, turn restrictions, or other traffic controlling measures.

3. Following this analysis, a commitment for either another public meeting specifically on this intersection, or a presentation at a regular ANC 3E meeting, to discuss the findings and proposed long term solution(s).

4. A projection of a date when a final decision for the long term measures at this intersection is possible. We understand that this date is subject to change based on feedback from the community on the proposed long term solutions, but we are seeking a projection from DDOT on when a decision is possible, and then how long it would take to implement a proposed solution. It is our expectation that both a decision and any implementation should certainly be before the end of the year, but we would like to have DDOT's view on this.

Please note that we have continued our discussions with the leaders of the two neighborhood groups that have organized around this issue. We remain hopeful that there can be a general consensus on appropriate long-term steps for this intersection and the nearby streets and alleys. To this end, we need your assurance that DDOT is committed to doing the data collection, to using this data to analyze the effectiveness of the barrier and potential additions or alternatives to the barrier, and to working with the community as quickly as possible to determine and then implement the long term steps at this intersection.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy McVey

Amy McVey, Chair
ANC 3E

This letter was passed by ANC 3E by a vote of 5-0 (a quorum being three) at a properly noticed public meeting on July 14, 2005. Commissioners Lucy Eldridge, Amy McVey, Anne Sullivan, Chapman Todd, and Amy Hoang Wrona were present.