



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
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RESOLUTION REGARDING DDOT NOTICE OF INTENT 13-62-TOA

WHEREAS:

1. DDOT completed the Rock Creek West II Livability Study (“Livability Study”) in early 2011.
2. The Livability Study, conducted by DDOT policy and engineering staff, along with private consultants, included several open houses and other opportunities for public engagement.
3. ANC 3E issued a resolution in April 2011 applauding DDOT for conducting the Livability Study.
4. We said then that Livability Study represented a valuable first step toward a systematic approach to decisionmaking about traffic calming, and each of its recommendations, if implemented, likely would improve neighborhood livability.
5. We noted, however, that funding constraints necessitated prioritization of Livability Study recommendations, and that DDOT had invited ANCs and others to help it set these priorities.
6. One of the Livability Study’s recommendations was installation of roundabouts on 42nd Street NW near Warren Street, NW (“Roundabouts”).
7. In our April 2011 resolution, we stated the following:
8. “The 42nd Street corridor abuts or is near Janney Elementary School, IONA Senior Services, Friendship Terrace Retirement Community, and St. Ann’s Academy, among other institutions, each of which is associated with considerable pedestrian activity by members of potentially-vulnerable populations.”
9. “The 42nd Street corridor has generated numerous complaints about speeding, traffic volume, and motorist disregard for pedestrians.”
10. “American University intends to move its law school near the 42nd Street corridor, which likely will generate additional traffic there.”
11. We therefore called upon DDOT to make installation of the Roundabouts one of its highest priorities in implementing recommendations of the Livability Study, to help slow traffic on this important street and, perhaps, deter some through traffic that belongs on adjacent arterial routes.
12. Subsequently, in negotiations with the ANC, the Tenleytown Campus Neighbors Association (TCNA), and AU, the University agreed to fund, *inter alia*, construction of the Roundabouts.
13. The Zoning Commission incorporated AU’s promise to fund the Roundabouts as a condition in its order permitting AU to move its law school near the 42nd Street corridor. The process leading up to that order included numerous public hearings.
14. On August 27, 2013, DDOT issued the above-referenced Notice of Intent (NOI) to install roundabouts on 42nd Street, NW at the north and south approach at Warren Street, NW.

15. The ANC understands that DDOT intends initially to install roundabouts constructed of temporary material, and to adjust parameters of the roundabouts in light of experience with them before constructing permanent roundabouts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3E supports the above-referenced Notice of Intent.
2. We respectfully call upon DDOT to ensure that provisions are made from initial installation of the Roundabouts to protect bicyclists, such as “Yield to Bicyclists In The Circle” signage.
3. We further respectfully call upon DDOT to report to the ANC on its findings and recommendations for finalizing the roundabouts, including without limitation the possibility of adding a bike track to 42nd Street and parking implications, and to provide the ANC the opportunity to offer its advice.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on September 19, 2013, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Frumin, Quinn, Serebin, and Tinker in attendance.

ANC 3E

by Jonathan Bender
Chairperson