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Resolution Regarding Implementation of DDOTs 2009 Master Pedestrian Plan for Upper Wisconsin Avenue and the Safety of Marked but Uncontrolled Crosswalks

Whereas, ANC 3E believes pedestrian safety is of paramount importance, and

Whereas, the Marked but Uncontrolled Crosswalks installed on Wisconsin Avenue, NW, have been the scene of numerous pedestrian-vehicle collisions, one recently resulting in a fatality, and

Whereas, DDOT has recently studied the safety of these types of crosswalks on Upper Connecticut Avenue¹, a street substantially similar to Wisconsin, and found them inherently unsafe and recommended a combination of new hawk signals and removal of some of the unsignalized crosswalks as well as removing and relocating some bus stops, and

Whereas, on Wisconsin Avenue within the boundaries of ANC 3E there are unsignalized crosswalks at Ingomar Street, Garrison Street, Chesapeake Street, Windom Street and Veazey Street and additional uncontrolled crosswalks exist on other arterial and minor arterial roads within ANC 3E and other uncontrolled crosswalks exist on Wisconsin Avenue outside of ANC 3E, and

Whereas, a 2005 study by the Federal Highway Administration showed significantly more pedestrian crashes at marked pedestrian crosswalks than unmarked pedestrian crosswalks particularly on high volume multi lane roads like Wisconsin Avenue²

Whereas, in February of 2013 ANC 3E passed a resolution which stated the following:

1. "Whereas, DDOT in 2009 identified Wisconsin Avenue NW between Western Avenue and Woodley Road NW as a high priority in its District of Columbia Pedestrian Master Plan and created a set of recommendations for each intersection in the corridor but has yet to implement any of the recommendations of this study as far as we know, and"
2. "Now therefore be it resolved, that ANC 3E urges DDOT to immediately dust off the District of Columbia Pedestrian Master Plan and give formal notice to ANC 3E of which provisions it intends to implement so that ANC 3E may consider such provisions at a future ANC meeting."

¹ <http://anc3f.us/assets/files/documents/Branyan-Presentation-December-2014.pdf>

² Page 37 <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/04100/04100.pdf>

Whereas, the DDOT study entitled “2009 Master Pedestrian Plan³ recommends” the removal of these crosswalks and/or the replacement with an active pedestrian alert system (a HAWK system) and

Whereas, as far as ANC 3E knows except for initial work on installing a hawk signal at Ingomar Street and Wisconsin Avenue none of the recommendations in the 2009 Pedestrian Master Plan for Wisconsin Avenue have been implemented or further studied, and

Whereas, ANC 3E believes the Marked but Uncontrolled Crosswalks on Wisconsin may pose a danger to pedestrians due to their tendency to convey a false sense of security to pedestrians and the high risk factor present if vehicles do not recognize the presence of pedestrians in the crosswalks and

Now therefore be it resolved, ANC 3E supports the following:

- DDOT fully fund and immediately implement the recommendations found in the 2009 Master Pedestrian Plan immediately and in particular the pedestrian crosswalk recommendations

Be it further resolved, ANC 3E urges DDOT to examine the safety of all Uncontrolled Crosswalks on Wisconsin Avenue and to correlate the findings of this study with its study of Upper NW Connecticut Avenue.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on July 9, 2015, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Hall, McHugh, Quinn, and Wallace in attendance.

ANC 3E

By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson

³ <http://ddot.dc.gov/page/pedestrian-master-plan-2009>