



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

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Resolution in support of the Bicycle Safety Amendment Act of 2013

Whereas, Councilmembers Cheh and Wells have introduced the “Bicycle Safety Amendment Act of 2013”, and

Whereas, ANC 3E has previously requested additional Capital Bikeshare (CABI) stations within 3E and supported the effort of other Ward 3 ANC’s who also passed similar resolutions requesting CABI stations in Ward 3 and DDOT responded by agreeing to install many of the requested CABI stations, and

Whereas, American University (AU) has already committed to including a CABI station on the Tenley Campus when the site is rebuilt before the law school is relocated there, and

Whereas, proposals and possibilities for additional bicycle infrastructure in and adjacent to ANC 3E and Ward 3 include but are not limited to signed bicycle boulevards on 41st and Jenifer Streets NW, a widened sidewalk to accommodate bikes on Nebraska Avenue NW between Ward Circle and Tenleytown, a bike lane as part of the proposed Broad Branch Road re-build, a sidewalk on Wisconsin Avenue connecting Friendship Heights and Bethesda as well as additional bike racks at various locations in ANC 3E, and

Whereas, despite the proposed additional bicycle infrastructure riding a bicycle in DC still requires riding on roadways with larger vehicles often driven by aggressive and indifferent drivers seeking the quickest path through our neighborhoods, and

Whereas, the Bicycle Safety Amendment Act of 2013 contains a number of provisions intended to better educate drivers and more safely accommodate bicyclists on the cities roadways, and

Whereas, ANC 3E appreciates the initiative and commitment of Councilmembers Cheh and Wells to protecting vulnerable road users in the District;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3E supports the passage of the “Bicycle Safety Amendment Act of 2013” with the following recommendations:

1. New laws governing the actions of drivers and bicyclists are only effective if properly enforced; the City Council must fund and direct the Metropolitan Police Department to increase traffic enforcement efforts as part of the normal duties of all of its officers and increase ongoing traffic enforcement training.
2. The City Council must include language in the law that more clearly defines the term “safe accommodation” as it relates to the proposed requirement for construction

projects blocking sidewalks and bicycle lanes and must also add an enforcement mechanism to the construction detour provision that creates a regulatory structure that enables DDOT to deny construction and public space permits that don't adequately maintain safe bicycle routes through and around construction zones. More clarity is important to avoid unintended regulatory flexibility that could result in unsafe or inadequate accommodations. That definition must include requirements to protect and cover pedestrians and that the accommodations not be unduly burdensome to pedestrians.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on April 11, 2013, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Elizabeth Haile, Tom Quinn and Sam Serebin were present.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson