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Resolution Regarding DDOT Notice of Intent 22-07-TESD regarding the prohibition of right turn on red at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Davenport Street NW

Whereas, ANC 3E has a long history of advocating for both improved walkability of neighborhoods and improved pedestrian safety;

Whereas, on February 19, 2013 ANC 3E unanimously passed a resolution regarding pedestrian safety and no right turns on red on Wisconsin Avenue which urged the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to implement the recommendations from the 2009 District of Columbia Master Plan¹ which included numerous recommendations for turn restrictions;

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) implemented a Vision Zero “Mayor’s Challenge” initiative for Safer People / Safer Streets across the United States;

Whereas, safety is the top priority of the USDOT and many of the USDOT operating administrations play a role in improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists²;

Whereas, Vision Zero is a part of Mayor Bowser’s response to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Mayor’s Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets, which aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle transportation safety by showcasing effective local actions, empowering local leaders to take action, and promoting partnerships to advance pedestrian and bicycle safety;

Whereas, DDOT has set an objective to reach zero fatalities and serious injuries to travelers using the city’s transportation infrastructure by the year 2024 through more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering in its Vision Zero initiative;

Whereas, the intersection of Wisconsin and Davenport Street is adjacent to a multi-unit condo building and contained on the same block is a child care facility (Communikids) and a facility serving unhoused individuals (Friendship Place) who primarily arrive on foot;

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https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/publication/attachments/pedestrianmasterplan_2009.pdf

² Available at: <https://www.transportation.gov/pedestrian-bicycle-safety#:~:text=Safety%20is%20the%20top%20priority,safety%20for%20pedestrians%20and%20bicyclists>

Whereas, this intersection is just one block from the Georgetown Day School (GDS) and is within 4 blocks of Wilson High School, Deal Middle School, Janney Elementary School, St Columba’s Nursery School and Two Birds child care;

Whereas, according to DCMR Section 18-4013.4 “Right turns on red will be prohibited at all intersection approaches with one (1) or more of the following characteristics:

- (C) There is significant crossing activity by children, elderly or handicapped persons:
- (D) Significant pedestrian conflicts are expected due to a high volume of pedestrian crossings”

Whereas, the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019³ was passed by the DC Council on December 23, 2020 and states in section 9(e):

“(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, DDOT shall erect signage prohibiting right turns when facing a red traffic control signal at an intersection that:

- (1) Is within 400 feet of a playground
- (2) Is within 400 feet of an elementary or middle school or a high school.”

According to google maps the intersection of Wisconsin and Davenport is 69 feet from GDS and 400 feet from Fort Reno park;

Whereas, numerous studies have shown that right turn on red crashes disproportionately impact vulnerable road users like pedestrians and bicyclists⁴;

Whereas, on January 6, 2022 DDOT gave ANC 3E notice of its intent to install no right turn on red restrictions for westbound vehicles on Davenport Street at Wisconsin Avenue and northbound cars on Wisconsin Avenue at Davenport Street; these restrictions will be noticed via signage;

Now therefore be it resolved, ANC 3E supports the immediate prohibition of right turns on red for vehicles headed westbound on Davenport and northbound on Wisconsin Avenue at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Davenport Street NW and supports the installation of signage indicating these restrictions.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on February 9, 2022, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 0-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Matthew Cohen, Amy Hall, and Tom Quinn were present.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson

³ <https://ims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0288>

⁴ <http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/research/pub/rtor.pdf>