

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 bicyclists³;

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 DDOT proposal to continue the existing sidewalk through the public “parking” furthers both of those goals;

Whereas, the first Notice of Intent was provided in August of 2017, and since such time DDOT has conducted a number of in person and virtual meetings with affected residents, and revised the plans to accommodate resident concerns as permissible; and

Whereas, numerous ANC 3E residents have expressed support for ensuring sidewalks are present the length of Western on the DC side to ensure ANC 3E residents and other pedestrians do not have to cross a busy street to safely continue their route.

Therefore, be it resolved, ANC 3E believes filling these sidewalk gaps is consistent with DC’s Vision Zero goals and supports the DDOT proposal as modified to address resident concerns on the May 6, 2021 walkthrough to install sidewalks and urges DDOT to complete this work as soon as possible.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on May 13, 2021, 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, Jonathan McHugh and Tom Quinn were present.

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³ Available at: <https://www.transportation.gov/pedestrian-bicycle-safety#:~:text=Safety%20is%20the%20top%20priority,safety%20for%20pedestrians%20and%20bicyclists>

By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson