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September 14, 2022

Everett Lott  
Director, District Department of Transportation  
250 M Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
Via Email Only

RE: Letter in Opposition to Proposed Georgia Avenue Offset Bus Lane Proposal

Dear Director Lott,

Following review of DDOT’s proposed offset dedicated bus lane design for Georgia Avenue between Barry Place and Kansas Avenue, ANC1A is of the opinion that it falls short of our expectations and ANC1A therefore opposes the plan. The Commission is especially disappointed and concerned as during the presentation by Mr. Gambetti-Mendez during ANC1A’s Transportation Committee on 26 April 2022, the ANC was told that DDOT would be “using every tool in its toolbox” and that a dedicated bus lane was not necessarily a given. The plans DDOT has released for public comment clearly show that neither statement was true – in particular every tool in the toolbox is not being deployed, as all options that would require significant capital investment were not even considered. Residents of Pleasant Plains and Park View deserve more than red paint and flexposts along Georgia Avenue.

While ANC1A does believe that government should be fiscally responsible, we do not support cheap and inferior solutions because better long-term solutions are more expensive. This is particularly true with infrastructure and transportation planning and design – long absent from the Georgia Avenue communities.

Furthermore, ANC1A rejects outright the proliferation of lesser, problem-ridden bus lane designs already used on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, sections of which are frequently clogged with delivery vehicles, police cars, and residents who double park – issues well known to DDOT, especially around DC USA. While the offset bus lane design for Georgia Avenue is not a carbon copy of those implementations, the problems they encounter similarly exist on Georgia Avenue. Using “enforcement” as a crutch to win support carries no water with ANC1A, as we have seen time and again that enforcement is a chimera.

ANC1A recognizes the significant capital investment required to make center running bus lanes a reality on Georgia Avenue and we don’t discount the issues that need to be overcome in such a configuration. However, that configuration has support and is a superior and true investment that would improve bus service and pedestrian safety along this long-neglected commercial corridor. We urge you to pursue this path and to deliver the equitable results that other District neighborhoods have long enjoyed.

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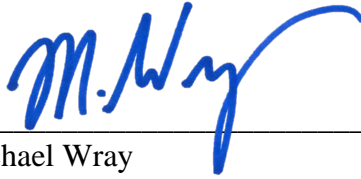
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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 8 present at its September 14, 2022, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A voted, with 8 Yeas, 0 Nos and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above letter.



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Chairperson, ANC 1A



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Secretary, ANC 1A

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