



# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

## Resolution for Traffic Safety Improvements on 17<sup>th</sup> St NW

Introduced March 19, 2024

**Whereas:** In 2015, Mayor Muriel Bowser committed to “Vision Zero,” pledging to end traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the District of Columbia by 2024 and implement changes necessary to reach that goal<sup>i</sup>;

**Whereas:** According to the DC Metropolitan Police Department’s traffic data, traffic fatalities in the District have only risen since 2015 and continue to rise with 10 year-to-date traffic fatalities so far this year, representing a 50% increase in year-to-date traffic fatalities<sup>ii</sup>.

**Whereas:** the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) completed an engineering evaluation involving speed and traffic calming concerns along the 3100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> St NW; and

**Whereas:** DDOT guidelines require Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) notification on all vertical traffic calming implementation; and

**Whereas:** the 3100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> ST NW is within the boundaries of ANC1D, representing Northern Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods; and

**Whereas:** based on the aforementioned engineering evaluation, DDOT intends to install two (2) speed humps on this block; and

**Whereas:** there is no crosswalk across 17<sup>th</sup> St NW at Monroe St NW, a popular route for students walking to nearby Bancroft Elementary School; and

**Whereas:** DDOT installation of speed humps does not necessitate removal of parking spaces;

**Whereas:** DDOT installation of crosswalks typically does necessitate removal of parking spaces in and around a crosswalk<sup>iii</sup>;

**Whereas:** ANC1D has passed a total of four resolutions<sup>iv</sup> to support safe passage for school students in the past 12 months, clearly indicating community support for traffic safety improvements throughout the Bancroft Elementary commuting area; and

**Whereas:** ANC1D has received numerous concerns from nearby residents regarding speed and unsafe crossing along 17<sup>th</sup> St NW between Park Rd and Newton St NW; and

**Whereas:** nearby residents have submitted multiple Traffic Safety Investigation requests to improve the 3100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> St NW—including requests for investigation into calming vehicular traffic and providing a safe crossing for all sidewalk users;

**Whereas:** a DDOT Traffic Safety Investigation was completed, at the community’s request, on September 27, 2023, however, it was limited in scope and failed to study issues of safe crossing.<sup>v</sup>

**Be it resolved that:** ANC1D fully supports installation of two speed humps along the 3100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> St NW; and

**Be it further resolved that:** ANC1D requests that DDOT utilize one such speed hump to install a raised crosswalk providing safe pedestrian access across 17<sup>th</sup> St NW at Monroe St NW;

**Be it further resolved that:** ANC1D understands that some parking loss may be necessary on the west side of 17<sup>th</sup> St NW at the intersection of Monroe St NW to ensure safe passage, via raised crosswalk;

**Be it further resolved that:** Through a community feedback process, ANC1D has found overwhelming community support for such improvements; and

**Be it further resolved that:** ANC1D requests ongoing collaboration and communication with DDOT throughout the implementation process to address any community concerns and ensure successful execution of the proposed enhancements, including any loss of parking spaces; and

**Be it further resolved that:** ANC1D designates Commissioner Angela Allison to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

**Be it further resolved that:** That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Vice Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

**Be it further resolved that:** Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

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**Certification:** At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on March 19, 2024, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6

Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 yea's, 0 no's, and 0 abstentions to adopt the above resolution. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> <https://visionzero.dc.gov/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/traffic-data>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.parkdc.com/pages/parking-basics>

<sup>iv</sup> Safe Street Initiative (March 2023); Improved Traffic Flow and Pedestrian Safety at 18<sup>th</sup> and Ingleside (June 2023); Vision Zero Hardening at 18<sup>th</sup> and Newton (September 2023); and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements at 18<sup>th</sup> and Ingleside (January 2024) <https://anc1d.org/resolutions>

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