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Leif A Dormsjo, Director  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M St SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Opposition to Beach Drive Segment 2 Detour Plan

Dear Director Dormsjo –

I write to express serious concern about the proposed Beach Drive Segment 2 Detour plan, for the section of Beach Drive from Tilden St NW to Broad Branch Rd. Work on this segment is scheduled to begin in August 2017 and last for two months.

The current detour plan proposes to direct traffic onto Broad Branch Rd and Brandywine St. NW. The community, including the ANC, was not consulted on this proposal. Brandywine is a small residential street lined with houses and a heavily-used playground, and is a pedestrian thoroughfare for children walking to local schools and commuters heading to the Van Ness Metro. Diverting major commuter traffic onto this small neighborhood street and is inappropriate and unnecessary.

A better solution is to detour traffic onto Military Rd and Nebraska Ave, larger, wider roads with fewer pedestrians. This route is also half a mile shorter than the Brandywine route, and the intersections are more efficient, which will reduce drive time, idling, and the air pollution associated with both. The direct route along Nebraska Ave to Wisconsin Ave also helps reduce congestion on Connecticut Ave.

Given the increased pedestrian risk and environmental impact of a Broad Branch / Brandywine detour, and the availability of a superior alternative, I ask that you revise the Beach Drive Segment 2 Detour Plan to direct vehicles onto Military Rd and Nebraska Ave instead.

Sincerely,

  
Malachy Nugent  
Chair, ANC 3F

cc: Mayor Muriel Bowser  
Councilmember Mary Cheh  
Acting Director Michael Reynolds, NPS  
Derrick Hardy, Safe Routes to School Coordinator