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**ANC 3F RESOLUTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK CAPITAL  
INVESTMENT BACKLOG**

**Whereas**, at the D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC meeting on June 24, 2013, Sam Zimbabwe, Associate Director of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Police, Planning and Sustainability Administration, delivered a presentation to the PAC on Pedestrian Infrastructure, Accessibility and Safety; and

**Whereas**, in this presentation, Mr. Zimbabwe stated that DDOT receives approximately 3,000 sidewalk service requests each year at a cost of approximately \$13 million; and

**Whereas**, DDOT is able to complete only about 50 percent of these sidewalk service requests each year July; and

**Whereas**, there is a total backlog in sidewalk capital investment needs of approximately \$22 to 28 million; and

**Whereas**, most of this backlog is on local streets that are not eligible for Federal funding; and

**Whereas**, the *Sustainable DC Plan* calls for expanding safe and secure infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists in order to reach the goal of increasing walking and bicycling to 25 percent of all commuter trips by 2032; and

**Whereas**, with the new DDOT 'Green Infrastructure Design Standards' released on 4/22/14; and

**Whereas**, *moveDC*, DDOT's Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan, which is being developed, proposes an option in its policy primer that pedestrians should be "the District's highest transportation priority"; and

**Whereas**, Age Friendly Cities has conducted focus groups, and DC AARP has conducted a survey, and they have found that the condition of sidewalks are important for older adults to maintain their mobility for those recovering from falls; and

**Whereas**, the Falls Free Coalition has found that poor sidewalk conditions hamper mobility for those recovering from falls; and

**Whereas**, the D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council passed a resolution in January 2014 recommending that the Mayor include \$28 million dollars in his Fiscal Year 2015 capital budget to ensure that DDOT has sufficient funding to address the backlog in sidewalk maintenance investment needs; and

**Whereas**, ANC 3F's Connecticut Avenue corridor of large apartment/condominium buildings and the surrounding single family homes occupied by numbers of older adults, as well as a diverse multigenerational population, all use the aging, and in certain areas, unsafe main and arterial sidewalks throughout ANC 3F's neighborhoods: and

**Whereas**, ANC3F has many unmet sidewalk maintenance needs, which have grown after this harsh winter,

**Therefore be it resolved that**, for the reasons stated above, ANC 3F recommends that the D.C. Council approve the capital budget to \$33.5 million for sidewalk maintenance to ensure DDOT has sufficient funding to address the backlog in sidewalk maintenance investment needs.

**Be it further resolved**, that Commissioners Sally Gresham and Bob Summersgill are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F on this topic at the DC Council committee on Transportation and the Environment budget hearing.

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ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on April 22, 2014, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, a quorum being four. The resolution was approved by a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.



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Adam Tope, Chair