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Resolution in Support of PEPCO Coordination with DDOT, WMATA, and Community
Regarding Harrison Substation Transmission Work on Van Ness St, NW
July 17, 2018

WHEREAS work is required to commission transmission lines at Wisconsin and Van Ness to supply power to the newly upgraded Harrison Street Substation at 5210 Wisconsin Avenue. Such work will significantly impact residents on Van Ness street between Reno St and Wisconsin Avenue; and

WHEREAS Van Ness street is a significant secondary artery that holds large volumes of traffic and is impacted by a WMATA bus route travelling in the east direction; and

WHEREAS the work on this project will begin in the 3600 block of Van Ness September 4th through September 8th during which time PEPCO will be excavating, digging and installing a freeze shed in the roadway, near the manhole in front of 3613 and 3611. During this time, approximately 4-5 parking spaces will be restricted from 3621 to 3607. During the week of September 10th, the freeze shed will be removed and the shed area will be covered with steel plates; and

WHEREAS from September 10th until October 5th, daytime work will occur in the manhole with 2 contractor or Pepco trucks needing to be parked in the area. PEPCO does not intend to be on the block every day during this time and work will be less impactful than the week of September 4th. PEPCO will send emails to residents each week during this time outlining upcoming work, parking restrictions, etc. On October 5th & October 6th, work will occur in the manhole for a 24-hour period beginning October 5th; and

WHEREAS from October 15th through mid-November, work will resume on the block from 3621 to 3607 with large equipment, a cable reel, and nitrogen truck in the area. Work is projected to be concluded by November 16th. During this timeframe, there will be a need to work for an extended block of time (5-7 days) for 24 hours a day. PEPCO will send emails to residents each week during this time outlining work schedules; and

WHEREAS, while Pepco has provided projected dates of construction as outlined above, as with any construction, a firm commitment as to precise dates may be affected by weather, emergency or unanticipated situations beyond Pepco's control. Pepco will use reasonable efforts to meet the projected construction dates; and

WHEREAS, Pepco has committed to keeping residents on the 3600 block of Van Ness informed at least 7 days in advance of upcoming scheduled work throughout the duration of the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F:

1. Recommends that PEPCO work with DDOT to develop and distribute to ANC3F and affected Van Ness Street residents, traffic control plans to ensure proper flagging and signage.
2. Recommends that PEPCO immediately contact all residents of the 3600 block of Van Ness Street, and notify ANC3F, should the work schedule noted above be altered in any significant way.
3. Recommends that DDOT immediately cover, and render inoperative, the parking meters on the east side of 36th street NW between Reno and Yuma.
4. Recommends that PEPCO coordinate with WMATA in order to develop contingency plans for bus routes on Van Ness Street and that such coordination include coordination and notification with ANC3F.
5. Recommends that Pepco will inform and will require its contractors to work with residents on the block regarding deliveries, parking, access to their homes, or any special needs.
6. Recommends that Pepco and DDOT develop a plan for access by residents whose houses do not provide parking or immediate access for temporary drop offs by residents when needed for supplies, groceries or other deliverables.
7. Recommends that Pepco protect trees in the median strip in front of houses affected by street work by wrapping them in protective barriers to prevent damage.
8. Recommends that PEPCO work with DDOT to provide for the permanent reconstruction of the street as soon as possible after the completion of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Dickinson and Jakopchek are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F passed this resolution at its meeting on July 17, 2018, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Pat Jakopchek
Chair, ANC 3F