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**RESOLUTION REGARDING – DC Vision Zero, Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study and ReOpenDC**

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**Whereas the Connecticut Avenue corridor is critical to commuters of all transit means as well as businesses and residents located on or near it, and;**

**Whereas, the District’s Department of Transportation (DDOT) is leading the Vision Zero effort that if successful, will result in 0 fatalities (all related to all kinds of getting all around DC). By the year 2024, Washington, DC will reach zero fatalities and serious injuries to travelers of our transportation system, through more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering, and;**

**Whereas the DDOT-led Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study has now begun, with the objectives of reducing vehicle crashes during peak periods, improving both safety and access for bicycles and pedestrians; and assessing the feasibility of removing Reversible Lane Operation, and;**

**Whereas the District is at the point in the COVID-19 era to implement several “ReOpen DC” Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 recommendations pertaining to the reorientation of public spaces including roads and sidewalks, including:**

- Reallocate sidewalks and streets to support physical distancing for residents and greater outdoor capacity for restaurants and other businesses;
- Reconfigure road lanes to prioritize Lifeline Network bus corridors,
- Collaborate to help ensure students and workers dependent on public transportation are able to travel safely and parents dependent on childcare have safe and reliable supports,
- Expand public transit services, sidewalks and bike lanes to accommodate increased travel for reopened activities, including travel to work and school; and.
- Maximize the use of public spaces for curbside services, outdoor dining, and showcasing of non-food retail

**Whereas the ANC 3F Streets and Sidewalks Committee’s (S&S Committee) mission is to assess and address the state of streets and sidewalks throughout ANC 3F and to follow up with relevant District agencies as needed until specific safety issues are addressed, including its top two missing sidewalk priorities identified in 2019 where no sidewalks exist on either side a major corridor streets;**

**Whereas in March 2018 both the ANC 3F Streets and Sidewalks Committee, and ANC 3F, adopted resolutions requested a comprehensive study of the Connecticut Avenue corridor, with the overall goals to enhance pedestrian safety, walkability, and economic vitality of the affected neighborhoods, and to make improvements to traffic management on Connecticut Avenue and surrounding streets;**

**Whereas the two other ANCs in the affected corridor, ANC 3C and ANC 3/4G also adopted resolutions requesting a comprehensive study of these issues in 2018.**

**Be it therefore resolved, that ANC 3F will collaborate with DDOT, residents, apartment associations, condominiums and cooperatives, the Van Ness Main Street, businesses, educational institutions, affected DC agencies, including WMATA, and other ANC's to develop recommendations to improve the Connecticut Avenue corridor;**

**Be it further resolved** that ANC 3F will develop such recommendations in consultation with the ANC 3F Streets and Sidewalks Committee, and in consultation with ANC 3F representatives on the Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") that DDOT has established to assist with the Connecticut Avenue study;

**Be it further resolved that the ANC (in consultation with the S&S Committee and the CAC) should consider all the alternatives listed above in Vision Zero, Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study and "ReOpenDC" with an emphasis on how to marshal all available local and federal resources to make Connecticut Avenue an even better community asset, including but not limited to:**

- Reallocating public space to promote pedestrians, restaurants, and non- vehicles (e.g., bicycles, scooters)
- Reallocating traffic lanes to improve Lifeline bus service Dedicate more parking spaces to commercial delivery services
- Expanding "multimodal mobility hubs" parking options
- Re-programming curbside lanes for e-scooter/bike lanes along major corridors
- Promoting pedestrian safety and access to streets that have been designated for recreation and other alternative uses during the pandemic

We recognize the impact these changes may have on current conditions, including traffic flow, parking and more. Through DDOT staff analysis of alternatives, a healthy community engagement process including a consideration of tradeoffs with any and all options, we expect that this work will result in a better, safer Connecticut Avenue for all.

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee shall provide updates and bring recommendations to the ANC 3F for consideration in the future.

**Be it further resolved that; ANC 3F authorizes Commissioner Cristeal to speak on behalf of the Commissioners on this subject with the Mayor's Office and cabinet, the Council and DDOT.**

**This resolution was passed by the ANC 3F by a vote of (5 - 0 - 0) at the regularly scheduled meeting held by WebeX on June 16, 2020.**



Monika Nemeth, Chair ANC 3F

Sources used:

Vision Zero - <https://www.dcvisionzero.com>

Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lane and Operations Safety Study -  
<https://ddot.dc.gov/page/connecticut-avenue-nw-reversible-lane-safety-and-operations-study>

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