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Sent via EMAIL

RE: DDOT Request for Feedback on DC Slow Streets

Dear Ms. Jackson,

This ANC 3F's response to your request for comments on possible DC Slow Streets locations.

There are four corridors in the DDOT Slow Street proposal that affect ANC 3F:

- 36th St (from Broad Branch Rd to Connecticut Ave)
- Chesapeake St (from 41st St/Belt Rd to Connecticut Ave)
- Davenport St (from Reno Rd to Broad Branch Rd)
- Yuma St (from Massachusetts Ave to Connecticut Ave)

Our Streets and Sidewalks Committee reviewed these proposals. In addition, the Forest Hills Connection published these proposals on their website and solicited public feedback on them.

It is after a thorough review of the feedback from our community that ANC 3F has reached its conclusions; therefore, ANC 3F provides following comments for your consideration.

1. ANC 3F supports the DDOT proposals for Slow Streets designations on Yuma, Chesapeake, and Davenport Streets.
2. ANC 3F does not support the Slow Streets designation for 36th between Connecticut to Broad Branch Rd because there is little pedestrian usage of that section of 36th Street. We feel that other streets might be better candidates to be a Slow Streets.
3. ANC 3F proposes that DDOT consider the following alternate candidates for Slow Streets designation:
 - a. Brandywine Street east of Connecticut (a walking route to the Forest Hills park)

- b. Fessenden Street east of Connecticut (a walking route to the Murch School and a commercial corridor)
- c. Albemarle Street east of Connecticut

In addition, while 36th from Reno to Connecticut is already operating as a Slow Street, we feel that it could be improved with better signage or placement of barricades, particularly at the beginning and end of the slow streets section. As Slow Streets are a new concept in DC, we find that there is still a lot of confusion and misunderstanding surrounding them. A better public education campaign is needed to alleviate some of these issues.

Regards,



Monika Nemeth
Chair, ANC 3F