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Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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Mr. Gabe Klein
Director
Department of Transportation
Government of the District of Columbia
2000 14th Street NW, 6th Floor
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Re: *17th and 19th Street, NE Two-Way Conversion*

Dear Mr. Klein:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on April 8, 2010, the Commission voted to request that DDOT delay action on the implementation of the 2006 Capitol Hill Transportation Study proposed two-way conversion of 17th and 19th Streets, NE.

Please know that while this Commission previously recorded its support for this project, recent concerns raised by residents of the Rosedale Community, in particular, compel us to request that DDOT take the time required to reengage and update directly impacted residents on the rationale, community, impact, potential benefits, possible designs of and alternatives to this proposed project.

Since the completion of the original study, there have been a number of transportation and new development projects in the affected area, which could have unforeseen implications to the originally conceived conversions of these streets. While we continue to wholeheartedly support efforts to mitigate traffic congestion and speed throughout our Ward, it is important that such efforts avoid the possibility of simply shifting such traffic issues from one neighborhood to another; and that consideration regarding pedestrian safety and quality of life be equally given to all areas within the Ward.

Please know that the Commission stands ready to assist DDOT in facilitating such (re)engagement efforts and have already asked that our Transportation and Public Space Committee revisit this issue at earliest opportunity, at which we would request representatives of DDOT to participate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me, or Omar Mahmud of our ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee at (202) 546-1520 or familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Kelvin J. Robinson, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Christopher Delfs, Ward 6 Transportation Planner
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