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## Electronic notification of public space applications

*Passed by 4 to 0 vote (one abstention) at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on May 15, 2007, with a quorum present.*

ANC1D advises the DC Department of Transportation (dDoT) and its Public Space Administration to arrange for electronic notification of permit applications where construction or dumpster location might block sidewalks, streets or other public amenities. This notice should be available at least for the electoral district of each requesting commissioner, and would better include the possibility of receiving notice for the whole ANC area or that of neighboring districts.

**Why:** Currently, dDot mails a single copy of a paper notice of all permit applications for the whole city to a single address for each ANC. Given the volume of similar correspondence, and the fact that many ANCs (like this one) cannot afford staff to handle the work flow, this information often does not reach the commissioner for the impacted area. Thus, the current method costs the DC government much time and trouble to prepare and mail 37 packages twice a month, yet often does not perform the intended task.

Other agencies have set up systems that work far better, for example, that of the Historic Preservation Office. This example alone shows how a small office can perform its legally mandated function of notifying ANCs in ways that cut costs and greatly improve functionality.