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Bicycle lanes for Adams Mill Road NW

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to proceed with its proposal to add bicycle lanes to Adams Mill Road, between the Kenyon Street and Klingle Road intersections.

Why: Recreational bicycling, and bicycle commuting, are activities to be supported in the District, especially in close proximity to Rock Creek Park. Bicycle lanes on Adams Mill Road will enhance bicycle access to the Rock Creek Park bike path, either via Klingle Road, or via Adams Mill Road with a loop through the Zoo. That in turn provides a safe bicycling route into downtown DC.

The addition of bicycle lanes will reduce the southbound lanes on Adams Mill Road from two to one. This will have little effect on traffic, which is not heavy enough on Adams Mill Road to warrant two southbound lanes. There will be some congestion slowing at the Walbridge Place intersection, with one lane instead of the present two. But road throughput is limited in practice by the traffic lights at Kenyon Street (25 seconds green, 55 seconds red), and at the Zoo exit (60 seconds green, 35 red), together adding up to just under one lane of traffic flow capacity. Hence, the single southbound lane on Adams Mill Road will not significantly impair overall traffic flow.

Given the ample width of Adams Mill Road, the connections at either end to Rock Creek Park and the RCP bike path, the desire to promote bicycling, for recreation and for commuting, and the minimal effect on automobile traffic, bicycle lanes for Adams Mill Road are well justified.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on April 25, 2016, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Agbro, Griffiths, Rivas, Hoey, McKay. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.