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Adopt Alternative 4 for Broad Branch Road

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to adopt Alternative 4 for the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road.

Why: Though not immediately adjacent to Mount Pleasant, Broad Branch Road is significant for Mount Pleasant residents, not only as an occasional automobile route into upper Northwest, but as a potential extension of the Rock Creek Park bike path. The RCP bike path passes directly alongside Mount Pleasant, and is commonly used by Mount Pleasant residents for recreation and for commuting.

Currently the RCP bike path terminates at Broad Branch Road. Broad Branch is notoriously dangerous for bicyclists, being narrow and winding, and consequently cannot be recommended for use by Mount Pleasant bicyclists. The RCP bike path end at Broad Branch is effectively the end of the road for bicyclists. Three of the four Alternatives proposed for Broad Branch would leave that road as bicyclist-hostile as it is today, preventing its use by Mount Pleasant bicyclists for either recreation or transport. Only Alternative 4 would permit its safe use by bicyclists.

Alternative 4 would allow Broad Branch Road to serve as a 1.5-mile extension of the existing Rock Creek Park bicycle path. Aside from the value of this extension for pleasure bicycling through an exceptionally attractive portion of Rock Creek Park, the extension would serve as a bicyclist feeder route into the RCP bike path, promoting bicycle commuting by many residents of Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase, giving them a safe route to the RCP bike path and downtown DC.

ANC1D urges DDOT to furnish replacement trees for those lost as a result of this construction.

Passed by 3 to 2 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on March 18, 2014, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Hoey, McKay, Greiner. Voting "no": Commissioners Terrell, Romero-Latin.. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.