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Pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along Harvard Street

Resolved, that ANC 1D asks DDOT to study potential pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along Harvard Street NW, including assessing the feasibility of a protected bike lane created by swapping the locations of the existing bike lane and parking spaces.

Why: Cars frequently speed along Harvard Street NW from Rabaut Park to Adams Mill Road, creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists. In particular, pedestrians often cross Harvard Street NW as they walk to and from Lanier Place NW and 18th Street NW, and a high volume of pedestrians, many of them unfamiliar with the area, access the National Zoo where Harvard Street NW intersects with Adams Mill Road NW. Bicyclists traveling in the area navigate heavy car and pedestrian traffic. A bike lane currently exists on Harvard Street NW, but its placement between parked cars and the driving lane contributes to the sense of Harvard Street NW as a wide road, which encourages drivers to speed. Moving the current bike lane in between the parked cars and sidewalk could create a protected bike lane and have overall traffic calming effects with little or no impact on street parking spaces. While much of the street is too narrow for such a shift, preliminary information from DDOT suggests that Harvard Street NW between Lanier Place NW and Adams Mill Road NW may be wide enough to flip the bike lane and parking spaces in this way; however, additional study of feasibility is needed. ANC 1D requests this feasibility study as part of a more comprehensive look at pedestrian and bicycle safety along Harvard Street NW.

Resolution passed, 4 to 0 vote, at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on July 23, 2019, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Romero-Latin, McKay, Sandenburgh, Allinger. A quorum for this commission is three; four commissioners were present.



Jack McKay, Secretary, ANC1D