



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
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Dear Ms. Barden,

At a duly noticed public meeting held on 6/1/2022, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C voted (6-0) to the Adams Morgan BID's planned pilot pedestrian zone permit application, as detailed in the attached letter.

Thanks,

Fiona Clem
Chairperson, ANC 1C

Commissioners: Howard Bauleke, 1C01; Vacant, 1C02; Peter Wood, 1C03; Meghan Faulkner, 1C04;
Deb Felsenthal, 1C05; Ben Butz, 1C05; Jake Faleschini, 1C07; Fiona Clem, 1C08



Renewing ANC 1C support for pedestrian zone plans from June 2020 resolution and letter

ANC 1C strongly urges DDOT, DPW, WMATA, DMPED, MPD, HSEMA and other agencies to take all actions necessary to make an 18th St pedestrian zone pilot possible, including approving necessary permits, renewing our support for past pedestrian zone plans found in our previous [resolution and letter from June 2020](#). We also urge WMATA and DDOT to take all necessary measures to ensure that the 90 and 96 bus routes are re-routed in a way that does not compromise safety and timely service for riders. We also request that the results and recommendations of the pending traffic study, commissioned by the Adams Morgan BID, be taken into account when planning the zone, bus re-routing, PUDO zones, and more, and that every effort be made to minimize the traffic effects on surrounding streets. We strongly urge DDOT to quickly implement all pending pedestrian improvement and traffic calming measures approved and/or requested in Adams Morgan to minimize the impact of the pedestrian-only zone on proximate streets.

A pedestrian zone on the 2300-2400 blocks of 18th Street NW would enable residents and visitors of Adams Morgan to more safely and enjoyably experience the neighborhood. Studies [show](#) the positive impacts that well designed and executed pedestrian zones can have on local residents, businesses, and community satisfaction. Given the risks experienced by pedestrians in DC, with traffic fatalities on the increase, we urge the DC government to consider both making the pedestrian zone a more regular and permanent occurrence in Adams Morgan, as well as expanding more pedestrian zones throughout the city. ANC1C also encourages the DC government to adopt a unique regulatory system for recurring special events like this proposal.

ANC 1C believes that public space is for people, and that closing this section of 18th St to vehicles as often as possible will enable safe enjoyment of our neighborhood by far more people than the current status quo.