



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
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October 6, 2022

Everett Lott, Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
Sent by attachment to email ddot@dc.gov

RE: Letter renewing ANC 1C support for pedestrian zone plans and urging continued pedestrian zones

Dear Director Lott:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on 10/5/2022, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed the attached letter renewing ANC 1C support for pedestrian zone plans and urging continued pedestrian zones in Adams Morgan, by a vote of 5-0-0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Fiona Clem", written over a light blue rectangular background.

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 and
urging continued pedestrian zones

ANC 1C strongly urges DDOT, DPW, WMATA, DMPED, MPD, HSEMA and other agencies to take all actions necessary to continue 18th St pedestrian zones, including approving necessary permits, renewing our support for past pedestrian zone plans found in our previous [resolution and letter from June 2020](#) and [resolution from June 2022](#).

- After two successful pedestrian zone pilots that have resulted in significant positive feedback from residents, visitors, and businesses, we strongly urge the District government to continue monthly pedestrian zones beginning in early 2023. We look forward to learning the details of the BID's after-action review of their first two events, including the effects on pedestrian counts and sales by affected businesses.
- We continue to 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.
- While we must remain mindful of potential disruptions, we also urge MPD, HSEMA and other agencies to reconsider such a large presence of police and police cars with flashing lights during the pedestrian zone, which has been the subject of significant complaints from residents about the unwelcoming environment it has created for many and is precisely the opposite impact intended.
- We continue to urge the District government to make the family-friendly Adams Morgan pedestrian zone a permanent occurrence, and encourage the expansion of more pedestrian zones throughout the city.
- ANC 1C supports the installation of permanent street-closing infrastructure to reduce the mandatory staffing and costs of future pedestrian zones.
- ANC 1C 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 residents than the current status quo.