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## ANC 3/4G Resolution Requesting That DDOT Conduct a Comprehensive **Study of Current Connecticut Avenue Traffic Patterns and Potential Changes**

- 1. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has studied portions of the Connecticut Avenue corridor in Van Ness (2003) and Cleveland Park (2013) but has not comprehensively examined the entire corridor, particularly the pros and cons of the current reversible rush hour lanes between Calvert Street and Military Road.
- 2. ANCs 3C and 3F have passed resolutions asking DDOT to research and analyze changes that could be made to Connecticut Avenue, including the elimination of reversible lanes during rush hour and steps to increase walkability, safety, and parking.
- 3. Any changes to the current traffic patterns on Connecticut Avenue may have ramifications in ANC 3/4G — e.g., for the portion of Connecticut Avenue that currently has reversible lanes from Nebraska Avenue to Military Road, for the potion of Connecticut Avenue that does not currently have reversible lanes north of Military Road, and for neighborhood streets like Reno Road, Nebraska Avenue, Military Road, Nevada Avenue, and Chevy Chase Parkway that may receive additional traffic from any changes made on Connecticut Avenue.
- 4. The intersections of Connecticut Avenue and Nebraska Avenue and Connecticut Avenue and Military Road are particular concerns because the timing and sequencing of the stop lights during rush hours causes substantial backups at Nebraska Avenue, and Military Road.

- 5. For these reasons, ANC 3/4G urges DDOT to conduct a comprehensive study of current Connecticut Avenue traffic patterns that broadly evaluates the potential consequences of any changes in policy and also considers a wide range of potential changes that could be made, including but not limited to changes in the rush hour reversible lanes policy, adjusting the timing of stop lights, establishing dedicated bicycle lanes, and creating other dedicated lane options.
- 6. DDOT's study should also include research and analysis of pedestrian and other non-vehicle use and traffic patterns along Connecticut Avenue in the sections affected by the reversible lanes as well as the existing reversible lane signage and electric signal boxes.
- 7. DDOT's study should expressly consider the impact that any changes may have on traffic patterns on streets other than Connecticut Avenue, including but not limited to Nebraska Avenue, Military Road, Reno Road, Nevada Avenue, and Chevy Chase Parkway.
- 8. DDOT's study should also evaluate the impact of any changes on businesses and parking in the portion of Connecticut Avenue north of Military Road, including the possible backup of traffic to and through Chevy Chase Circle and the impacts of the resulting congestion on the Chevy Chase business district.
- 9. In conducting this study, DDOT should consult with ANC 3/4G and particularly the Chair and Commissioners representing Single Member Districts 3/4G05, 3/4G06, and 3/4G07, which include portions of Connecticut Avenue. DDOT should also consider any applicable recommendations from ANC 3/4G's Parking Task Force, which is currently examining parking regulations along Connecticut Avenue.

Approved by ANC 3/4G after a discussion at its regularly scheduled and noticed October 22, 2018 meeting by a vote of 5 to Q (a quorum being 4).

Randy Speck, Chair

Rebecca Maydak, Secretary