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**ANC 3/4G Resolution
The Rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road NW**

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

WHEREAS, in March 2021, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced plans to rehabilitate 1.5 miles of Broad Branch Road between Linnean Avenue, NW and Beach Drive NW, cf <https://www.popville.com/2021/03/update-on-the-rehabilitation-of-broad-branch-road-nw/>

WHEREAS, this proposed action, according to DDOT, “will improve roadway and drainage infrastructure conditions, enhance safety operations for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, improve intersections and provide ADA-compliant sidewalks for the entire length of the corridor”;

WHEREAS, DDOT, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), has released the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road;

WHEREAS, the revised EA was released for public comment on October 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, DDOT has identified the Preferred Alternative (PA) in the Final EA based on the improved roadway, stormwater and drainage infrastructure while minimizing impacts to the natural environments and adjoining properties owned by the Federal government and several Sovereign Nations;

WHEREAS, the PA will meet the purpose and need of the project by providing two 10-foot-wide travel lanes, standard curb and gutter, ADA-compliant sidewalks, new drainage infrastructure, and replacement of the Soapstone Creek culvert;

WHEREAS, this portion of Broad Branch Road is subject to repeated flooding due to poor drainage and stormwater infrastructure;

WHEREAS, this portion of Broad Branch Road has no sidewalks, is narrow, pocked with potholes, filled with blind curves, frequently used by motor vehicles who exceed the legal speed limit and is therefore hazardous to motorists as well as to recreational users, including joggers, hikers and cyclists, who must currently share this same narrow road with motor vehicles to access Rock Creek Park and a portion of Beach Drive that is now closed to motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, in response to a request for an update on this important project, Mr. Christian Pineiro, DDOT Senior Community Engagement Specialist for Ward 3 wrote on June 1, 2023 to Commissioner Nash, “This project is currently paused waiting for funding. It was a candidate for USDOT PROJECT Grant focused on resilience but did not make the cut. Right now this isn’t in our pipeline and probably won’t be for some time;”

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Commission calls upon DDOT to seek funding for its 2021 project and complete the rehabilitation of 1.5 miles of Broad Branch Road from Linnean Street to Beach Drive.
- 2) The Commission urges Councilmembers Matt Frumin and Janeese Lewis-George to support the funding needed for the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road and to encourage their fellow councilmembers to do the same.
- 3) The Commission calls upon the Mayor to fund the planned rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road in the fiscal year 2025 budget.
- 4) The Commission requests that Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton work with the Federal Highway Administration to obtain the federal funding needed to complete the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Commission designates Commissioners James Nash, ANC 3/4G-03 and Peter Lynch, ANC 3/4G-05, to represent the Commission in all matters related to this Resolution.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four (4) of seven (7) members was present on July 24, 2023 by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Lisa R. Gore

Lisa R. Gore, Chair

James L. Nash

James L. Nash, Secretary