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## RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF TAYLOR ST. CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

1. **WHEREAS**, in December of 2015 DC Mayor Muriel Bowser set a “Vision Zero” goal to get the District of Columbia down to zero roadway fatalities by 2024;
2. **WHEREAS**, 2023 was the District of Columbia’s highest single-year mortality rate since at least 2007, with 44 traffic fatalities;
3. **WHEREAS**, DDOT’s stated MoveDC bicycle/mobility network vision is “a Districtwide network of connected bicycle routes that serve all residential areas, providing low-stress routes that are safe, comfortable, and inviting for all bicyclists, from children to seniors,”<sup>1</sup> reinforcing Mayor Bowser’s goal of “changing the way people move around our city and building a greener, healthier, and more sustainable DC”;<sup>2</sup>
4. **WHEREAS**, the recent northern expansion of the Metropolitan Branch Trail

<sup>1</sup> <https://movedc-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/bicycles>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-and-ddot-celebrate-100-miles-dc-bike-lanes-bike-work-day>

(MBT) and connection of sections across the missing span from Franklin St NE to Monroe St NE creates new opportunities for a high-traffic northern east-west, over-track bicycle route;

5. **WHEREAS**, the MoveDC network identifies bicycle infrastructure improvements connecting the existing Rock Creek Church Rd NW lanes to Harewood Rd NW, Fort Dr NE, and Taylor St NE (collectively, the “Taylor St Corridor”),<sup>3</sup> creating an east-west route bisected by the Metropolitan Branch Trail;<sup>4</sup>
6. **WHEREAS**, DDOT has noted the importance of the Taylor St Corridor as an east-west route since 2014 when it was listed as a planned bikeway.<sup>5</sup> In February 2022, DDOT released an updated Proposed Protected Bikeway Map for fiscal years 2020 through 2024 with a proposed bike lane being built in FY2023, and then delayed again until FY2024<sup>6</sup>. In 2024, DDOT released an updated map showing these improvements planned to be delayed until 2026.<sup>7</sup>
7. **WHEREAS**, fully installing protected bike lanes (PBLs) on the Taylor St Corridor connecting to South Dakota Ave NE would provide direct access (within 0.25 miles) to 9 schools and indirect access (>0.25 miles and ≤0.55 miles) to 7 schools, and, along with other existing bike infrastructure, would provide access to 31 other schools across the city;
8. **WHEREAS**, to the east, Taylor St NE connects to South Dakota Ave NE and 18th St NE, two roadways designated for future bicycle/mobility network improvements;
9. **WHEREAS**, ANC 4D received a petition signed by over 600 “parents,

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<sup>3</sup> See Exhibit 1, attached.

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<https://movedc.dc.gov/maps/31007fa1147c458d8e3225380fcc8d55/explore?location=38.941238%2C-77.006916%2C15.29>

<sup>5</sup>

<https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/publication/attachments/2014%20Bike%20Lanes%20Webpost%20list%202-5-14.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> [https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page\\_content/attachments/FY20%20-%2024%20Proposed%20Protected%20Bikeway%20Map\\_2-17-22.pdf](https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/FY20%20-%2024%20Proposed%20Protected%20Bikeway%20Map_2-17-22.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings/hearings/248> (see Appendix Part 2, response P2Q111)

caregivers, teachers, administrators and neighbors, concerned for the safety of students attending schools along Harewood Rd NW, Fort Dr NE, and Taylor ST NW,” including Ward 4 parents who take their children to school by bike along this corridor, calling for DDOT to install the Taylor St. corridor lanes in 2024;

**10. WHEREAS**, to date, DDOT is not on pace to complete the project in the 2024-25 academic year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:**

- 1. Calls upon** DDOT to expedite the planning phase of the Taylor St. Corridor PBLs and begin as soon as practicable;
- 2. Requests that DDOT** aim to complete and install the planned improvements to the Taylor St. Corridor prior to the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.
- 3. Calls for** extending the planned PBLs slightly to the end of Taylor St. NE at 19th St NE, to facilitate connection to and through 18th St NE and South Dakota Ave NE, increasing the number of parents and children who will be able to use this resource to travel to and from school and will better achieve the vision in the moveDC plan;
- 4. Recommends** DDOT design these PBLs to maximize the safety of all roadway users, allowing parents and children to safely and independently use, especially to/from school, through intersections and past alleyways;
- 5. Recommends** the Taylor St. Corridor PBLs are physically separated from bus traffic, to ensure transit users and the H8/H9 buses are still able to service the route with minimal disruption;
- 6. Recommends** that DDOT seek to ensure that the Taylor St. Corridor PBLs provide safe, integrated connections to the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) to increase utility for users and better connect the Corridor to the existing bicycle network;
- 7. Further calls upon** DDOT to also implement additional pedestrian safety improvements on this Corridor, including especially
  - a.** installing a pedestrian walk signal to cross the crosswalk on Rock Creek Church Rd NW at the south side of the intersection with Harewood St. NW (where there is currently a crosswalk but no

pedestrian walk signal), and/or

- b. installing a crosswalk and accessible curb ramp on the north side of the aforementioned intersection (where there is currently a pedestrian walk signal but no crosswalk); and
- c. close the gap in sidewalks on the northwest side of Rock Creek Church Rd. NW between Harewood Rd. NW and North Capitol St. NW.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Commissioners George and Marencic are hereby authorized to represent the commission in all matters relating to this resolution.**

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D supporting implementation of the Taylor St Corridor Safety Improvements was considered on February 21, 2024 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum. The vote of the Commission was 7 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2024-02.

Signed by:

Dated: Mar. 2, 2024

/s/ Anthony Pirrotti

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair

## Exhibit 1 – Proposed Taylor St. Corridor

