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## RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D CONCERNING DDOT'S NOI-24-108-TESD

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

- 1. **WHEREAS** ANC 4D has previously highlighted the unique dangers and challenges of the intersection at Kansas Ave., 8<sup>th</sup> St., and Allison St. NW ("the Intersection"), and called for DDOT to install or examine a variety of potential safety improvements here;<sup>1</sup>
- 2. **WHEREAS** One of the potential changes ANC 4D suggested that DDOT consider was re-routing traffic to be one way on Allison St. NW away from the intersection (i.e., westbound);
- **3. WHEREAS** ANC 4D also called for a number of other potential safety improvements at the intersection, including "shortening the crosswalks at all crossings in this intersection using bulb outs at each corner";
- **4. WHEREAS** on April 4, 2024, DDOT issued NOI-24-108-TESD, proposing to convert Allison St. NW to be one way westbound between Kansas Ave. NW and Georgia Ave NW.;
- 5. WHEREAS at ANC 4D's April 17, 2024 meeting, DDOT indicated that the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Resolution 4D-2023-08 (2023).

- Allison St. NOI was the first of a series of planned safety improvements at the Intersection, which included longer-term plans to shorten crosswalks and extend curbs, to facilitate pedestrian safety;<sup>2</sup>
- 6. **WHEREAS** one-way streets can sometimes be confusing, and vehicles driving the wrong way down a one-way street can create new dangers to other road users of all types;
- **7. WHEREAS** Allison St. NW is a signalized intersection at Georgia Ave., facilitating safer crossings for vehicles crossing Georgia Ave. eastbound and westbound;

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

- **1. Takes note of** the safety challenges in the Intersection that would be mitigated by implementing NOI-24-108-TESD, including:
  - a. Eliminating the current blind spot for traffic entering the Intersection via Allison St. eastbound and 8<sup>th</sup> St. southbound, as traffic entering the Intersection from these entrances cannot see one another without entering the Intersection;
  - b. Reducing the number of entry points to the Intersection from five to four, and thereby slightly reducing its complexity for all road users;
- **2. Reiterates** that significant safety challenges would remain in the Intersection even after implementing NOI-24-108-TESD, including:
  - a. An extremely large intersection area;
  - b. Very long pedestrian crossings across Kansas Ave. NW;
  - c. Visibility in the intersection negatively impacted by its position on a hill;
  - d. Significant volume of vulnerable road users in the intersection, including students at E.L. Haynes Charter School, travelers boarding or disembarking the bus stops on Kansas Ave., and bicycle traffic on 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Kansas Ave.;
- **3. Commends** DDOT's commitment to continue planning and implementing more significant and holistic safety improvements at the Intersection in the coming months;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://tinyurl.com/Allison4DMtg.

- **4. Supports** NOI-24-108-TESD, while also sharing the following additional requests and recommendations concerning the NOI and the Intersection:
  - a. Strongly encourages DDOT to quickly design and implement the additional safety improvements it indicated it intends to finalize, including curb extensions and shortened crosswalks in the Intersection to facilitate pedestrian safety;
  - Strongly opposes DDOT disengaging from the Intersection after the implementation of NOI-24-108-TESD, as only implementing this intervention piecemeal without further improvements would not be responsive to concerns consistently expressed by our community about safety at the Intersection;
  - c. **Strongly recommends** that DDOT implement hardening measures alongside the one-way conversion of Allison St. to ensure extremely clear signals to drivers that there is a new traffic pattern, and discourage driving the wrong way down the street;
  - d. **Requests** that DDOT consider revising NOI-24-108-TESD to make Allison St. one-way westbound between 8<sup>th</sup> St. and 9<sup>th</sup> St., but leaving Allison St. two-way between 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Georgi Ave., in order to minimize the effects on residents, preserve a safe, signalized two-way crossing across Georgia Ave., and minimize confusion to drivers who might enter Allison St. eastbound from Georgia Ave.;
- **5. Requests** that DDOT consider the other recommendations in ANC 4D's resolution 4D-2023-08, including exploring the viability of pedestrian refuges in the crosswalks on Kansas Ave. NW and the installation of green stormwater retention infrastructure where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner George is hereby authorized to represent the commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D concerning DDOT's NOI-24-108-TESD was considered on May 15, 2024 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum. The vote of the Commission was 6 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2024-07.

Signed by: Dated: 18 May 2024

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair