



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E Resolution No. 2023-0005 IN SUPPORT OF SAFETY MEASURES ON RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NW

Sponsor: Commissioner Imtiaz, 5E04

WHEREAS, the unit block of Rhode Island Avenue, between 1st St NW and North Capitol St NW — going north and southbound — are home to dozens of District residents who are confronted with daily incidents of dangerous and aggressive driving.

WHEREAS, despite the reduction in traffic lanes at Rhode Island Avenue NW and 1st St NW due to the ongoing Northeast Boundary Tunnel project, drivers continue to drive aggressively on the road at high speeds at all times of the day and pose a serious danger to residents and people using non-single occupancy vehicles, as well as cyclists and scooter users.

WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents where drivers are speeding through the red light at 1st and Rhode Island Avenue NW, as well as drivers speeding on Rhode Island Avenue NW to cross the traffic signal at North Capitol St NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW.

WHEREAS, there have been at least [1,426 car crashes within 1000 feet of the intersection of North Capitol St NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW](#), and it remains a dangerous intersection for pedestrians to navigate due to the danger posed by reckless drivers.

WHEREAS, pedestrians are also unable to safely cross six lanes of traffic on Rhode Island Avenue NW at 1st St NW and at North Capitol St NW due to the short duration of the pedestrian light timing, leaving pedestrians stranded halfway or running across to make it to the other side of the street, while trying to avoid cars turning onto Rhode Island Avenue NW.

WHEREAS, despite DDOT's commitment to Vision Zero initiatives, no safety

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improvements have been undertaken at this section of the corridor in recent years.

WHEREAS, safety issues on this location have previously been identified by residents to DDOT, including speeding and safety for pedestrians, and are listed as under investigation for TSI Quarterly Prioritization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 5E asks DDOT to consider implementation of the following safety measures:

- Add a red-light camera at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NW and 1st St NW.
- Add a speed camera in the median along the unit block of Rhode Island Avenue NW.
- Increase the pedestrian light timing at 1st and Rhode Island Avenue NW for pedestrians to be able to cross safely.
- Add increased signage indicating the speed limit on Rhode Island Avenue and the fines associated with exceeding the speed limit.
- Add a red-light camera at intersection of North Capitol St NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW going east bound.
- Prioritize Traffic Safety Input request # 23-00210563 that requests a speed camera installation

THIS RESOLUTION came before ANC 5E at a duly noticed public meeting on May 16, 2023. ANC 5E is composed of 6 Commissioners, such that 4 Commissioners constitute a quorum. With 6 Commissioners present, ANC 5E voted 6 – 0 – 0 to adopt this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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