

Brookland Traffic – Hot Issues

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Issue/Questions	DDOT/MPD Response and Plan of Action
Big Picture	
Is DDOT conducting any traffic studies in the Brookland area in response to community concerns, and if so, what is the status of those studies?	
What is DDOT doing to execute traffic calming measures on trouble streets that have been identified by community members, including Franklin, 12th, 13th, Newton, Monroe, Michigan, and South Dakota?	
What is the status of DDOT's investigation of changes to the truck-routing system within DC? Is DDOT moving toward implementing an e-manifest system to rationally assign and track trucks so that disruption from trucks on any given street is minimized?	
What special considerations are being given to excessive traffic issues along Franklin Avenue - are any bump-outs, bike lanes, or other calming measures being planned? If not, why not?	
Specific Items / Locations	
Franklin St bridge is incredibly dangerous for peds and cyclists. Dedicated bike lane or other access to MBT is needed (e.g., special ped bridge?).	
Utility poles on the south side of Franklin street at 10 th block strollers, wheelchairs, bikes. Need to sidewalk expansion or fix to utility polls so that it is passable. Not ADA compliant.	
13 th and Newton is a very dangerous intersection that needs traffic calming measures. This is a hub spot for commuters/cyclists. Ancillary recommendation: raised cross walks at Newton and Otis to force cars to stop.	

<p>Stoplight timing issues at 2 intersections: 10th & Michigan and 12th and Rhode Island: No left turn arrow but extended green light going one way. This is NOT a solution to need for left turn arrow at these intersections; causes confusion and increases risk of accidents. New light configuration needed.</p>	
<p>15th and Hamlin and 17th and Hamlin: traffic is merging with no yield sign, lots of collisions in that intersection. Requesting stop sign or yield sign to guide traffic at both intersections.</p>	
<p>Put in sidewalks at 15th and Hamlin and Girard; Hamlin at 17th to 18th St. People are forced to walk on the streets. Not ADA compliant.</p>	
<p>Girard and 15th needs a stop sign (traffic jumps up from Franklin and speeds down Girard).</p>	
<p>New sidewalks needed at 18th and Lawrence.</p>	
<p>12th St. and Rhode Island Ave intersection has excessive speeding, no left turn lights, and many accidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommend left turn lights be added to the light sequence. - Iron posts at NW corner (ANC recommendation) 	
<p>Completion date for repair to “Welcome to Brookland” sign at 12th and Rhode Island Ave?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landscaping maintenance plan sorely needed. (ANC recommendation) 	
<p>WMATA should route not-in-service buses off interior neighborhood streets</p>	
<p>Has DDOT reviewed literature on vibrational studies and/or changed its position regarding the need to test inside homes to get accurate reading? Studies requested for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2800 block Evarts 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20th & Monroe - 20th & Jackson - 12th & Rhode Island 	
<p>The neighborhood supports speed cameras; are any speed cameras being installed or operated in Brookland?</p>	
<p>Truck Control Signage Requests – status (this list is as of Feb. 2018)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No Trucks Over 1 ¼ Ton Capacity on 13th St (already have Use Rhode Island Ave sign) b. No Trucks Over 1 ¼ Ton Capacity at 14th/RIA (already have Use Rhode Island Ave sign) c. Per MPD SOD Unit: signs need to be at every corner along 13th Street from Michigan to RIA so that there isn't confusion and ticketing can be enforced d. Trucks Use Rhode Island Ave at 14th/Franklin (Already have No Trucks Over 1 ¼ Ton Capacity at 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th) e. No Trucks Over 1 ¼ Ton Capacity on Franklin at 12th Street f. No Truck Signs are still missing at the corner of: 14th and 15th at Rhode Island Ave (DDOT to explain difference in signage and evidence of truck traffic on these side streets) (per DDOT, 12th is determined to be a valid Truck route) g. Per MPD SOD: No Truck Signs are still missing at the corner of: 13th + Franklin heading North/South (Trucks Use Rhode Island Ave sign is there) 	
MPD Enforcement Issues	
Need for SOD Officers around Ward 5	

What are traffic enforcement stats for Brookland for this year, and how does it compare to last year?	
Need more speeding cameras	
Inbound Michigan Avenue NE (south side), where it curves after 14th Street to 12 th Street: Neighbors have had retaining walls crashed into several times due to people driving too fast through the intersection at 14th and Michigan Avenue. That curve is particularly dangerous especially when the street surface is wet. Already this year there have been 4-5 accidents that neighbors or I have witnessed not to mention those that happen when we are not at home. And unfortunately one of those crashes resulted in the death of the driver.	
Unnecessary engine revving in the middle of the night is a constant annoyance, especially along RI & 12 th St.	