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Dear Chairs,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give written notice of our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

The Installation of Bicycle Lanes on Franklin Street, NE between 7th and 12th Streets

DDOT is proposing the installation of bicycle lanes on Franklin Street, NE between 7th and 12th Streets. *There would be no effect on parking because it does not exist in this section of Franklin Street.* The result would provide a designated space for bicyclists to travel in proximity to motor vehicle traffic and provide an east-west bicycling connection between Brookland and the Metropolitan Branch Trail. It would also counteract speeding, which has been raised as a community concern, and has been documented in a 2010 DDOT speed study. Removing the second westbound travel lane would prevent higher-speed passing maneuvers and make the roadway configuration consistent at two travel lanes.

Space for the bike lanes would be attained through a combination of lane narrowing and elimination. From 7th to 10th Streets (bridge section), the wide travel lanes would be narrowed to include bike lanes and a 2-foot buffer zone between the bike lanes and adjacent travel lanes (see figure 1). Between 10th and 12th Streets, removal of one of the two westbound travel lanes would provide space for the bike lanes (see figure 2).

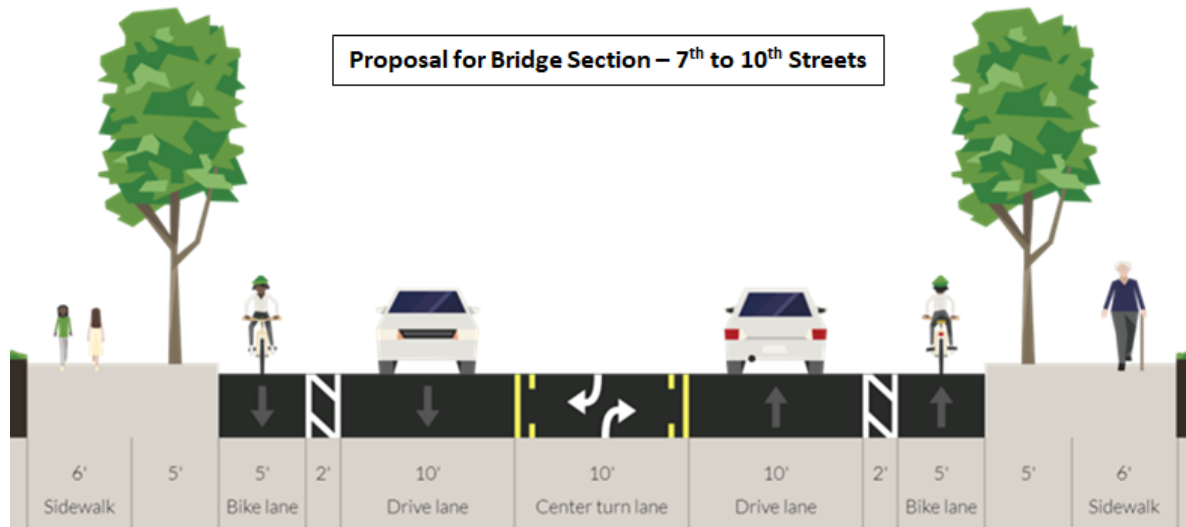


Figure 1

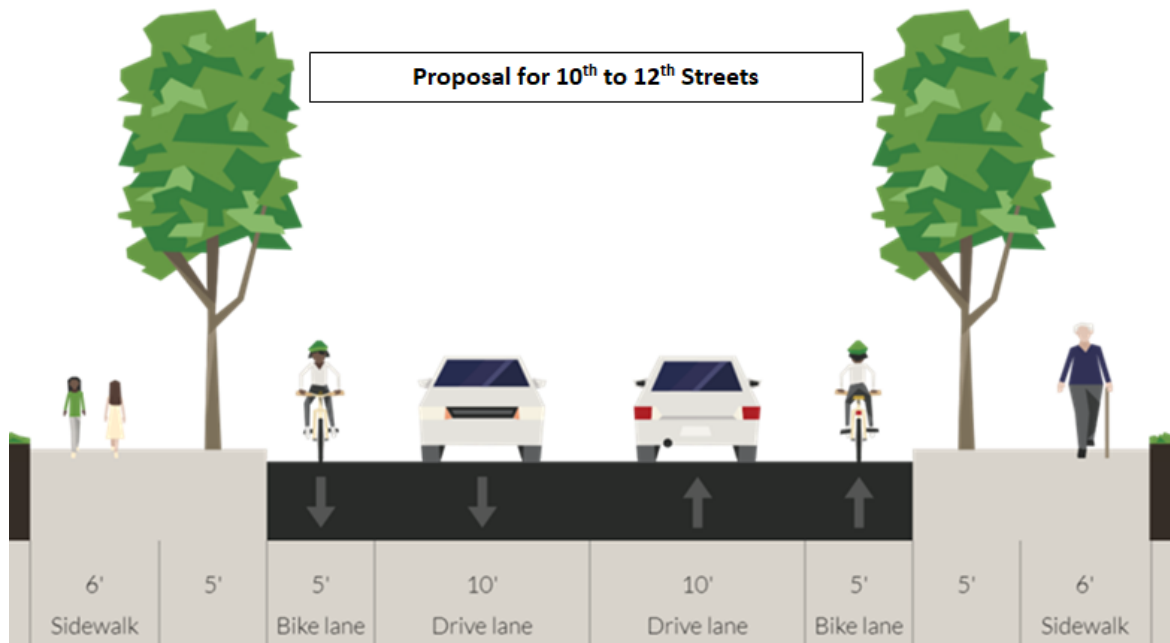


Figure 2

This notice of intent follows an extensive public engagement process where the plan was presented to the community on several occasions:

- Edgewood Civic Association (9/24/18);
- ANC 5E (10/16/18);
- ANC 5B04 meeting (March 2019);
- Special Franklin Street meeting on May 30, 2019

It was also discussed at the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association meeting on 9/18/18, and a March 2019 ANC 5E01 meeting. Attendees were favorable to the proposal, largely because it would calm traffic and not affect parking. Continuing the lanes west to 4th Street, however, had mixed support. Most bicyclists wanted the connection to the 4th Street NE protected bike lane; however, other attendees were concerned about the proposed removal of approximately thirty AM rush-hour restricted parking spaces to accommodate the bike lanes. Because of these concerns, DDOT would like to pursue the 7th to 12th Street changes while further studying the western section.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, not later than thirty days (30), excluding weekends and holidays, after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation. Comments should be submitted by post mail to Mike Goodno, DDOT/ PPSA, 55 M Street, S.E., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003, or by email to mike.goodno@dc.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-671-0681 or mike.goodno@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



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