

# MAAC Meeting June 12, 2024

**\*\*Lizzie officially sworn into MAAC Council**

1. Introductions
2. DC DFHV Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Pilot Announcement
3. Curbside Management?
4. Newsletter Details
5. Old Business
6. New Business
  - a. Proposed resolutions
    - i. Sightline audit
    - ii. Consultation on capital projects
    - iii. Modal hierarchy
    - iv. Left turns in the CBD
    - v. Design speed reductions
    - vi. Reduction in drive-alone out of state
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn

## Meeting Recap

1. Introductions
2. Discussion/Announcement for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Pilot Announcement
3. Newsletter Details/Announcement
4. Discussion of Old/New Business

### Kelly MAAC has done work on Wheelchair Taxis - looking at oversight for the program

- Received \$500,000 to improve service, increase wheelchair taxis and
- June 1: A pilot program has been created to use them until September 30th, and the budget will continue throughout the year. Anyone can use - visitors of DC
- Special number to call (Not discounted fair program, same as regular taxi price) 3 grantees - cab companies - 24 total new vehicles accessible via phone and has multiple options for users.
- Number is 202-977-4928 to call and use the program,  
Curbside Management Discussion(Need level playing field for everybody in DC)
- Intersection of 4th and Virginia Ave NW Example of Illegal Sign Placement
- Approaching from the sidewalk, the sightline is blocked
- wheelchair users impedes view, close to sidewalk
- Some pedestrians cannot be seen, deadly consequences, example of boy in NY and was killed by NYPD tow-truck
- Sightline laws are already in the MAAC Responses - lots of examples in DC
- Documents sent to DDOT Director Questions - (Send to Lizzy)
- Remedy for highlighting the issues traffic safety input requests in 311 but there is a problem - only committed to doing 200 per quarter, would not get attention for years if there are so many requests - would like to think of a solution to this problem
- Process - what happens if MAAC passes resolutions - Naming problems that need solutions - noting that is a problem that needs to be fixed
- Vending trucks along the mall - crosswalks that have tons of people and flagrant violations of vending trucks - bring in department of health to fix that problem - there is an office to looking at other problems for other issues - they block crosswalks and signs with high density areas of pedestrians - and also for persons with disabilities. place to do a pilot or some test of what could be done
- include MPS in the resolution - many roads are controlled by the national park service
- Priority issue for curbside management and deciding by which problems are the most important to get through
- What is the best way to approach the information
- City Council and Health Department need to work together to get information pushed the right way
- Protected Bike Lanes vs allowing pedestrians to cross
- ADA compliance for modal hierarchy - Overview
- Connecticut/ U Street bike lanes that have their own light to follow
  - Ongoing problem

- With no protected bike lanes - others go into the lanes - accidents, and more scooters end on on sidewalks that intersect. Makes using sidewalk not as well and dangerous if there is a bike/scooter rider
- Bike lane concerns - yielding or if they intersect at all - some areas have more
- Policy intersection of proper protocol
- Enforcement is tough
- Policy conflict is that bicycles are not using signals in the way that cars do. Bikes are creating serious hazards
- Prioritization of bikes in dc - lobbying impact
- Enforcement plan
- Curbside management for next meeting

#### List of Items to Address with DDOT

- Requesting DDOT consult us on all capital projects >1M
  - Connecticut Avenue DDOT proposal - Expanding DC lanes, 26 million project vs 14 million project budget for sidewalks
  - Quick, Medium, and Capital Projects - main goal to request for capital projects
  - Bus Lanes are the best use of lanes ( equity, sustainability, etc)
- Asking DDOT to follow a Modal Hierarchy
  - For all streets, focus on sidewalks on all sides of street, then transit focus and so on
  - Curb Access Limitations with Bike Lanes and Pickup/Drop-off Lanes for persons with disabilities
- Asking DDOT to do a Sightline Audit Citywide and put Action Plan to bring DC into compliance with regs
  - Request curbside management to plan with the council
- Asking DDOT to evaluate banning left turns in high volume areas
- Mandate design speed reductions on high injury corridors/arterial road
  - disproportionate amount of fatalities in those areas, speed is the way to do it
- Asking Council to impose residency requirements and/or eliminate parking at DDOT until DDOT TDM survey shows out of state drive-alone is below 5%
- Mapping density against key equity indicators
  - Poorest areas of DC have the worst infrastructure for people with disabilities
  - Would inform decision making for the council
  - Create a tool to view this information
- Sidewalks
- Lack of bubble mirrors for where sidewalks intersect with drives, alleyways
  - In order to stop and get visibility, makes it difficult to see if the path is clear
- Scrambled Sidewalks - traffic and pedestrians - Branes Dance Sidewalks, Columbia Heights Metro Station
  - The safest/efficient way for users to crosscut
- Lack of Curb Cuts in certain areas, sidewalks surfaces, cobblestones surrounding them
- Lyft does not have any accessibility users and Uber it is hard to use

- Increase cars that accompany persons with disabilities
  - Timing is difficult- hours of vehicles that accompany
  - Joint statement to make it more clear about the problem, create committees through DFHV
- Accessible Parking Spots
  - Advocating for a decent amount of spots and increasing the number of them. Red top meters - that are for people with disabilities or a handicapped license
- Lack of enforcement
  - USPS trucks being in bus lanes (Federal)
  - Blocking curb cuts
  - Blocked areas , double parking
  - Illegal stalling of vehicles , putting “hazards on “
- Information Sharing
  - Different than education of the topic
  - Make information accessible to more people
- Listing places where there are no curb cuts specifically (No current systematic routine, Ask DDOT to create a project for curbcuts
  - No citywide effort to map curb cuts
  - Has been a project PCI index, does not include curb cuts only includes gaps in the sidewalk- barriers, trip hazards, etc

#### Approved Resolutions in Meeting

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