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By Electronic Mail

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Sharon Kershbaum
Director
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20003

RE: ANC 3C Comments Regarding 34th Street/Reno Road NW Traffic Issues

Director Kershbaum,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on January 21, 2026 with a quorum present, a quorum being five commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C voted X-X-X to submit these written comments on concerns about the traffic safety on 34th Street/Reno Road.

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C, we are writing to request a formal response and update regarding long-standing safety concerns along the Reno Road/34th Street NW corridor, including adjacent intersections such as Porter Street, Ordway Street, Newark Street, and Rodman Street.

These concerns have become even more urgent following a recent incident reported by a neighborhood parent. In that case, a 13-year-old child was struck by a vehicle while legally crossing Reno Road at Porter Street with time remaining on the pedestrian signal. The driver, who was reportedly distracted and turning right on red, did not stop to check on the child and left the scene. Only weeks earlier, another child was hit in a marked crosswalk at Ordway and Reno by a distracted driver. Both children were fortunate to avoid serious injury, but these incidents reflect a pattern of dangerous conditions rather than isolated events.

Residents have repeatedly raised alarms about speeding, distracted driving, and turning conflicts along Reno Road, a residential corridor that functions as a commuter cut-through between Maryland, Virginia, and Downtown DC. Parents and neighbors have consistently called for safety measures such as lighted crosswalks, improved signalization, and restrictions on right-turn-on-red movements. Despite these requests, residents have too often been told that Reno Road is “safer than it used to be,” even as preventable crashes involving children continue to occur.

ANC 3C formally acted on these concerns on October 23, 2023, when the Commission adopted and transmitted a letter to DDOT requesting traffic calming and safety improvements on Reno Road and 34th Street NW. That letter asked DDOT to conduct updated traffic counts, review intersection design, and consider physical safety measures including bulb-outs, speed controls, and pedestrian-visibility improvements. The Commission authorized commissioners to engage DDOT on this issue, but as of today, no formal response or implementation timeline has been provided.

In March 2024, ANC 3E adopted a resolution supporting ANC 3C’s Reno Road safety request and extending those concerns further north and south along the Reno corridor, recognizing that the safety problems are not confined to a single ANC boundary.

In September 2025, ANC 3F took direct action by approving a direct expenditure for “See Me” pedestrian safety flags at Reno and Warren Street, demonstrating that neighboring ANCs are also investing in on-the-ground safety improvements in recognition of the risks pedestrians face along this corridor.

Taken together, these actions show a clear and sustained record of community concern and formal ANC engagement across multiple years and multiple commissions. We are therefore requesting that DDOT provide a written response to ANC 3C addressing:

1. The status of DDOT's review of ANC 3C's October 23, 2023 request.
2. Any traffic studies, crash data, or safety analyses conducted for Reno Road and 34th Street since that time.
3. Planned or potential interventions, including signal changes, right-turn-on-red restrictions, crosswalk upgrades, traffic calming, or other Vision Zero measures.
4. A timeline for implementation or next steps.

Reno Road is a residential street used daily by families, students, seniors, and commuters. The recent incidents involving children make clear that inaction is no longer acceptable. We urge DDOT to treat this corridor as a priority for Vision Zero and pedestrian safety.

ANC 3C authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C02 and 3C08 and/or their approved designee(s) to represent the Commission on this matter.

CC: The Honorable Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Member of the Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Charles Allen, Ward 6 Member of the Council of the District of Columbia
Chair, Committee on Transportation and Environment
The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia
Kendall Gibson and Owen Cox, Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)
Christophe Wassmer, Ward 3 Specialist, District Department of Transportation
Courtney Carlson, Chair, ANC 3F | Commissioner, ANC 3F06
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