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**Resolution Urging Traffic Safety Improvements to the  
Bunker Hill Elementary School Campus**

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**WHEREAS**, in December of 2015 DC Mayor Muriel Bowser set a “Vision Zero” goal to get the District of Columbia down to zero roadway fatalities by 2024;

**Whereas**, 2023 was the District of Columbia’s highest single-year mortality rate since at least 2007, with 52 traffic fatalities, 15 of which were in/near Ward 5;

**Whereas**, vehicle, cyclist, and pedestrian safety problems are a critical equity issue for Ward 5, which has suffered from decades of neglect and disregard, resulting in an outsized share of DC’s lethal arterial roadways, above-ground railroad tracks which prevent east-west crossing, fenced off institutions and infrastructure, and roadway surface area;

**Whereas**, Bunker Hill Elementary School (BHES), operating under District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), is located at 1401 Michigan Ave NE in Single-Member District 5B02;

**Whereas**, like much of Ward 5, the BHES community has experienced an uptick in poor driver behavior around its school building;

**Whereas**, BHES’ campus spans the block bordered by Michigan Ave NE to the north, 14th St NE to the west and Taylor St NE to the south

- BHES’ main entryway faces the 1800-1900 block of Michigan Ave NE, a minor arterial roadway with a 2020 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of 15,875, two lanes of two-way traffic and a double-yellow center-line
- BHES uses a side entrance located along the 4200 block of 14th St NE, a collector roadway with a 2020 AADT of 2,030, one lane of two-way traffic, no marked center-line and enough crosswidth to enable a parking lane southbound
- BHES property, their soccer field, and their playground is adjacent to the 1400 block of Taylor St NE, a minor arterial roadway with a 2020 AADT of 4,545, one lane of two-way traffic, a double-yellow center-line, and enough crosswidth to enable a parking lane both eastbound and westbound.

**Whereas**, most pickup/dropoff (PUDO) activity at BHES occurs at the intersection of 14th St NE and Taylor St NE where drivers create unpredictable and unsafe traffic patterns in the vicinity of many children and families on foot and bike

- Drivers do not comply with the all-way stop at 14th and Taylor Sts NE<sup>1 2</sup>
- Drivers routinely block the crosswalks at 14th St NE and Taylor Sts NE
- Drivers do not obey the posted speed limit of 25 mph on the 4100 block of 14th St NE
- Drivers do not obey the posted speed limit of 25 mph on the 1300-1600 blocks of Taylor St NE
- Drivers do not yield to pedestrians crossing Taylor St NE at 14th St NE<sup>3</sup>
- Drivers do not yield to pedestrians crossing Taylor St NE at 13th Place NE
- Unauthorized truck traffic is common along the 1300-1600 blocks of Taylor St NE<sup>4 5</sup>
- Drivers use the oncoming traffic lanes of Taylor St NE to create phantom turn lanes at the all-way stop at 14th St NE<sup>6 7</sup>
- The crosswalk paint at 14th and Taylor Sts NE is badly faded due to concrete roadways<sup>8</sup>
- Drivers make illegal mid-block U-turns on the 4200 block of 14th St NE, adjacent to BHES
- There have been several incidents of road-rage escalation (one involving a weapon) during BHES PUDO

**Whereas**, families and children traveling by public transit, foot, and bike use the intersection of Taylor St NE and 14th St NE to travel to and from 7 other nearby schools, 5 nearby parks and greenspaces, and 3 nearby daycare centers

- 14th St NE and Taylor St NE is within a quarter of a mile of Shining Stars Montessori Academy and within a half a mile of Brookland Middle School, Mundo Verde Calle 8 Elementary, E.W. Stokes Elementary, Sojourner Truth Middle School, Perry Street Prep Elementary and St. Anselm's Abbey School
- 14th St NE and Taylor St NE is within a quarter of a mile of the Franciscan Monastery and within a half a mile of Turkey Thicket Playground and Community Center, North Michigan Park Playground, Ft. Bunker Hill Park, Dwight Moseley Playground/Taft Field
- 14th St NE and Taylor St NE is within a half a mile of Nido Childcare Center, iCare Childcare Center and the future home of Petit Scholars (12th and Perry location)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1765366690563363205>

<sup>2</sup> <https://twitter.com/Humalmtiaz5E04/status/1765157178283901375>

<sup>3</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1762971431426482654/photo/2>

<sup>4</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1740004698525229423/photo/1>

<sup>5</sup> <https://twitter.com/SmitaGaith/status/1668610620487348226>

<sup>6</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1765366690563363205>

<sup>7</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1762971431426482654/photo/2>

<sup>8</sup> <https://twitter.com/mcombal/status/1753049156451479943>

**Whereas**, on April 5, 2023, a driver traveling from Taylor St NE onto 14th St NE drove their large SUV up onto a curb, onto a sidewalk, struck and destroyed a trashcan and a school zone sign and nearly struck a young child<sup>9</sup>

**Whereas**, on May 7, 2021 a crash involving at least two drivers occurred in the 1400 block of Michigan Ave NE, at the front entrance of BHES and the damaged cars landed on the front lawn and front steps of BHES<sup>10</sup>

**Whereas**, on November 16, 2021 a crash involving at least two drivers occurred at the intersection of 14th St NE and Michigan Ave NE, at the crosswalks used by families and students walking and biking to BHES<sup>11</sup>

**Whereas**, on at least two occasions, (one occurring during morning drop-off on 3/19/24) a driver traveling on 14th St NE side-swiped a school bus parked on 14th while the bus was offloading children

**Whereas**, at least 19 Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Service Request (SR) 311 entries have been opened for the blocks near and adjacent to BHES, including

- **TSI SR 23-00247260 requesting curb extensions at 14th and Taylor Sts NE** (opened 5/16/23 with comment *"This is a request for curb extensions at the NE, NW, and SW corners of the intersection of Taylor St. and 14th St. NE near Bunker Hill Elementary School (see enclosed image for specific locations). Drivers frequently use the parking lanes at these locations to pass other drivers or make right-hand turns while other drivers are traveling through the intersection. These maneuvers endanger the safety of students crossing this intersection to go to and from Bunker Hill Elementary. Traffic calming is desperately needed here to protect pedestrians and, importantly, student safety.)"*)
- **SR 23-00247266 requesting speed tables on 1300 and 1400 blocks of Taylor St NE** (opened 5/16/23 with opening comment *"This is a request for speed tables on Taylor St. on the 1300 and 1400 blocks. Drivers frequently speed on these blocks near Bunker Hill Elementary School, especially when school is letting out. They are often trying to catch the green light at the traffic signals or otherwise speed with impatience, treating the long blocks as their personal racetracks. This is obviously extremely dangerous for everyone, not least of all the students who attend Bunker Hill Elementary, which abuts this intersection"*)
- **SR 22-00438877 requesting vertical traffic calming on the 4100 block of 14th St NE** (opened 9/12/22 with comment *"Requesting vertical traffic calming in the 4100 block of 14th St NE. 14th Street has a steep hill (northbound) that allow cars to pick up too much speed and drive excessively fast along 14th St NE. This is a major pedestrian area with the Franciscan Monastery, Bunker Hill Elementary School, and a residential block."*)
- **SR 22-00481346 requesting a raised crosswalk at 13th Place and Taylor Sts NE** (opened 10/5/22 with comment *"Requesting a raised crosswalk across Taylor St NE at the intersection of 13th Place NE. This is not an all-way stop, only 2-way stop (traffic on Taylor does not have a stop sign), and DDOT has previously not approved this intersection for a 4-way stop. Therefore to make crossing safe for pedestrians, the crosswalk across Taylor St NE should be a raised crosswalk to slow drivers and traffic and allow pedestrians to safely cross Taylor St NE. Visibility for pedestrians to safely cross here is poor due to parking on the westbound side of*

<sup>9</sup> <https://twitter.com/ChelseyDC/status/1643644681295675392>

<sup>10</sup> <https://twitter.com/dcfireems/status/1390792531605139461>

<sup>11</sup> <https://twitter.com/mikel/status/1460616260769701889>

*Taylor. Pedestrians crossing at 13th Place southbound must be already in the intersection in order to see cars traveling westbound on Taylor. Drivers routinely speed and crash here. Drivers traveling on Taylor westbound are trying to make the light at Michigan and are not stopping for pedestrians, and drivers traveling eastbound are accelerating to go uphill. Drivers ignore existing signage to stop for pedestrians. This is a school area, with Bunker Hill Elementary and Shining Stars Montessori closeby. Many children are present in this area around rush hour/pickup and drop-off. This is a residential area with many families and elderly out walking at rush hour. Taylor is a thoroughfare for commuter drivers making it dangerous for residents.”)*

- **SR 24-00116903 requesting one-way condition northbound on the 4200-4300 block of 14th St NE** (opened 3/2/24 with comment “Due to extremely heavy traffic (especially during pickup and drop-off at Bunker Hill Elementary School, entrance located on the 4200-4300 block of 14th st NE,) and a lack of forward progress on other traffic calming measures requested, we are asking DDOT to convert the 4200-4300 block of 14th St NE to a one-way northbound. This road is dangerous for everyone—residents, families and children arriving by car, by foot, by transit, by bike. It is also dangerous for commuters in cars and bikes who must pass this congested area. We, neighbors and residents, Bunker Hill PTO, Bunker Hill Principals and parents of Bunker Hill students, are asking DDOT to make this road infant of our Ward 5 Public School a one-way, in order to protect our most vulnerable. Converting this section of 14th St NE to a one-way northbound would mirror/continue the existing one-way of 14th in the 4400 block of 14th St NE (between Michigan and South Dakota). This also allows the safest drop-off and pick-up for our students—they can enter/exit the vehicles on the same side of the road as the school without needing to cross the street. This will also decrease crashes at nearby 14th and Michigan, since left-turning vehicles traveling on Michigan (turning left on 14th) will be prohibited. We would also like this conversion to include a contraflow bike lane so that students arriving by scooter or bike can easily/safely travel south to re-join the eventual Taylor St PBL.”)

**Whereas, previously investigated SR 22-00438936 with pending installs (opened 9/12/22) requesting raised crosswalks across 14th St NE and Taylor St NE** resulted in crosswalk re-striping, flashing stop signs and a stop-sign camera, yet no raised crosswalks as DDOT stated, “The raised crosswalk cannot be installed at this time because of a drainage issue is occurring in the 4100 block of Taylor St., NE. Asphalt cracking and standing water suggests some subsidence is occurring to two on the ground leak or underground spring issue. The dot has sent DC water a request to inspect the block to see what's going on for that issue. They will get together with asset management of DDOT and come together with the plan to restore the 4100 block in kind” and DC Water’s reference number is 23-416902 and this SR is still listed as “pending installation” in the TSI 2.0 Dashboard

**Whereas,** on September 13, 2021, the 5B community suffered the devastating loss of Allison (Allie) Hart, a vivacious, loving, joyful, smart, curious, adventuresome, and thoughtful 5-year-old killed by a driver while riding her bike in an all-way stop crosswalk in front of Mary McLeod Bethune Public Charter School’s Brookland campus (formerly Lucy Diggs Slowe Elementary School) in Single-Member District 5B03, and many of these TSI requests are in her honor (#All4Allie);

**Whereas,** on December 10, 2021, a driver fatally struck 9-year-old Kaidyn Green with a car, paralyzing him from the neck down for over six months before he succumbed to his injuries, on the 3300 block of Wheeler Rd SE, a 40-foot wide minor arterial (2020 AADT 7,599), in front of KIPP DC Public Charter School’s Wheeler Campus (formerly Mary Church Terrell/McGogney Elementary School);

**Whereas**, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) Safe Routes To School (SRTS) component is tasked with promoting safe and active transportation options for students traveling to and from school and address concerns such as traffic safety, pedestrian infrastructure, and accessibility issues around schools;

**Whereas**, in November 2023 DDOT and the SRTS team had a series of raised crosswalks installed in the 4000 block of 13th St NE (a minor arterial roadway with a 2020 AADT of 5,365, one lane of two-way traffic, and a double-yellow center-line) in the vicinity of another DC Elementary school, Shining Stars Montessori Academy (campus is bounded by 13th St NE to the east and Randolph St NE to the south)<sup>12</sup>

**Whereas**, Councilmember Zachary Parker's FY2025 Budget Priorities Letter to the Mayor sent 2/8/24 cites the need for safety improvements along Taylor St NE near BHES and states, "**Accelerate the design of the protected bike lane project on Taylor Street N.E.** While the District has made strides to connect many parts of the city to a protected and connected bike lane network, many parts of Ward 5 are being left behind. I stand with neighbors who are advocating for the Taylor Street N.E. project to move forward expeditiously"<sup>13</sup>

**Whereas**, Taylor St Neighbors delivered a petition signed by 639 people, 425 of which identified as Ward 5 residents, also all calling for action along the Taylor Street NE corridor<sup>14</sup>

**Whereas**, on 10/13/23 the Mundo Verde Calle 8 Elementary School (MV8) community delivered a letter to DDOT Interim Director Kershbaum (which was signed by over 130 parents, more than 80 of them from Ward 5) which requested

- Protected bike lanes along Taylor St NE
- Additional traffic calming measures along Varnum St NE between 14th St NE and 12th St NE
- Red light cameras at the intersection of 13th St NE and Varnum St NE
- Raised crosswalks at the intersection of 13th St NE and Varnum St NE
- A speed table between 13th St NE and 13th PI NE<sup>15</sup>

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B requests DDOT complete installation of raised, flexpost protected crosswalks at the location of 14th St NE and Taylor Sts NE (pending installation **SR 22-00438936**), similar to those installed on the 4000 block of 13th St (the intersection of 13th St NE and Randolph St NE and 13th St NE and Ritchie PI NE) near Shining Stars Montessori Academy

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<sup>12</sup> <https://twitter.com/anccostello/status/1729652496627298370?s=46>

<sup>13</sup> <https://zacharyparkerward5.com/my-budget-letter-to-the-mayor/>

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[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/652434a1ed364040781fd914/t/65e0b08bb300cd0fb3704bc3/1709224075229/Transmitted-Petition+for+Protected+Bike+Lane+%28PBL%29+on+Taylor+St+NE+corridor\\_FINAL.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/652434a1ed364040781fd914/t/65e0b08bb300cd0fb3704bc3/1709224075229/Transmitted-Petition+for+Protected+Bike+Lane+%28PBL%29+on+Taylor+St+NE+corridor_FINAL.pdf)

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[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/652434a1ed364040781fd914/t/65e0b00c31e25c056f87c1ac/1709223949171/DDOT\\_Mundo\\_Verde\\_Calle\\_8.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/652434a1ed364040781fd914/t/65e0b00c31e25c056f87c1ac/1709223949171/DDOT_Mundo_Verde_Calle_8.pdf)

**Be it further resolved** that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B requests DDOT prioritize the location of 14th St NE and Taylor St NE (pooled **SRs 23-00247260, 23-00247266, 22-00438877, 22-00481346, and 24-00116903**) and evaluate the following traffic safety mitigations

- curb extensions at the NE, NW, and SW corners of the intersection of Taylor St. and 14th St
- speed tables on 1300 and 1400 blocks of Taylor St NE
- center-line hardening on the 1300-1400 blocks of Taylor St NE with maximally sized implements (similar to those installed on the 3300 block of Wheeler Rd SE as prescribed by Kaidyn Green's Vision Zero Fatal Crash Follow-up Memo)
- speed tables on the 4100 block of 14th St NE
- a raised mid-block crosswalk across Taylor St NE at 13th Place NE (similar to the one installed across 13th St NE at Ritchie Place NE near Shining Stars Montessori Academy)
- implementing one-way northbound conversion on the 4200 block of 14th St NE to reduce two-way traffic conflicts during PUDO, minimize cut-through traffic on this local roadway, continue the one-way northbound condition of the 4300 block of 14th St NE, and to end left-turn crashes from Michigan Ave NE onto 14th St NE southbound, and that any excess crosswidth be allocated to create a contraflow bicycle/mobility lane southbound on the 4200 block of 14th St NE which will join the eventual Taylor St NE Protected Bike Lanes (PBLs)

**Be it further resolved** that ANC 5B requests DDOT keep their commitment to begin the study phase of the Taylor St NE Corridor PBLs this spring 2024, and aim to maximize installation for FY24/FY25

**Be it further resolved** that ANC 5B acknowledges some adjustment will be necessary by adjacent residents to accommodate traffic safety improvements, and pledges to work with willing residents to find constructive solutions to mitigate these concerns while prioritizing traffic safety and the safety of our neighborhood elementary school children, as consistently expressed by the 5B community;

The Commission designates Commissioners Nandini Sen (5B02) to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution, to include responses to DDOT Notice of Intent (NOI) issuances regarding the aforementioned.

Adopted on 3/20/2024 by a vote of 7-0, with four commissioners required for quorum, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public meeting with a quorum present.