

DC Bicycle Advisory Council Resolution
Regarding Support of Connecticut Avenue Bike Lane

Whereas, in 2015, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Muriel Bowser, committed the District of Columbia to achieving a Vision Zero pledge to eliminate transportation fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2024 by implementing strategies related to data, education, engineering, and enforcement;

Whereas, despite the Mayor's Vision 0 commitment, [traffic fatalities are increasing](#), with 49 traffic fatalities in 2023, up from 26 in 2015 when Vision 0 was implemented, and the most in a single year since 2007;

Whereas, on December 15, 2021, Mayor Bowser [announced](#) that she was moving forward with a plan to redesign Connecticut Avenue by removing the reversible lane, lowering speed limits, and adding bike and bus and pedestrian friendly design changes to the streetscape;

Whereas, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) completed its Environmental Data Inventory in March 2020 and Existing Conditions Report in June 2020. The completion of these items allowed the project to move forward with extensive community engagement, with DDOT formally meeting with ANCs, local groups, and other interested parties over the course of 2020-2022 in over 50 different engagements, including a Citizen Advisory Committee formed for this project;

Whereas, the redesign received near unanimous support from all the ANCs along the Connecticut Avenue corridor;

Whereas, on April 11, 2024, DDOT announced it was removing bike lanes from the plan without seeking community input, running counter to the notion of community engagement that DDOT prides itself on;

Whereas, DDOT announced that its new plan would put in 24/7 parking on both sides of Conn Ave instead of the bike lanes;

Whereas, DDOT's new plan will require cyclists riding along Connecticut Avenue to endanger themselves and pedestrians by either riding with motor vehicle traffic or on the sidewalk.

Whereas, DDOT's new plan will diminish the utility of buses, which will no longer be able to use the 3rd lane, and motor vehicle traffic congestion will increase while not benefiting any users of the Connecticut Avenue corridor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DC Bicycle Advisory Council:

Urges the Mayor and the DC Council to act expeditiously in order to **restore the protected bike lanes to the redesign of Connecticut Avenue.**

Signed by Warren Gorlick, DC BAC co-chair, on May 01, 2024.