



DCCA Resolution on 19th Street Traffic Concerns

Whereas, 19th Street NW is a narrow residential street where many families, children and senior citizens reside;

Whereas, 19th Street isn't designed to be an arterial street like Connecticut Avenue NW and 18th Street NW;

Whereas, 19th Street NW has become an alternate pass through for oversized trucks, tour buses, and eight-wheeled tractor trailers that seek to avoid traffic congestion on Connecticut Avenue;

Whereas, the Government of the District of Columbia has posted signs prohibiting trucks over one and a quarter ton from using the street;

Whereas, the Government of the District of Columbia does not have the resources to consistently enforce this weight restriction on 19th Street NW;

Whereas, the Government of the District of Columbia may remove the Streatery on the block north of Dupont Circle on 19th Street NW, which has had the secondary benefit of reducing some through traffic on 19th Street;

Whereas, DDOT determined that an overall traffic management plan for 19th Street was beyond the scope of the plans for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deckover projects;

Whereas, the Government of the District of Columbia has announced that construction of the Streetscape and Deckover projects will begin in the third quarter of 2023, and this is likely to exacerbate the long-standing traffic safety issues on 19th Street;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Dupont Circle Citizens Association requests that all relevant agencies, departments, divisions, and offices of the Government of the District of Columbia develop a traffic management and safety plan for 19th Street and adjacent streets, with meaningful public input to address these issues by May 15, 2023;

And be it further resolved that the Dupont Circle Citizens Association respectfully requests that Government of the District of Columbia meetings regarding 19th Street be announced in writing, publicly and with reasonable notice in the same manner that the Government does for public hearings sent to residents from the District's Board of Zoning Adjustments.

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