



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Notice of Intent to Permanently Remove Rush Hour Parking Restrictions on M St and Wisconsin Ave NW ([NOI #25-56-TPA](#))

Dear Director Kershbaum,

On March 3rd, 2025 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Whereas: the temporary removal of rush-hour parking restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled the proliferation of alternative uses for parking spaces in Georgetown in the context of improving pedestrian friendliness and safety on M Street and Wisconsin Ave NW in Georgetown. A notice of intent (NOI) was forwarded to ANC 2E for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on DDOT's intent to permanently remove the rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW in Georgetown.

Whereas: the policy change referenced in the NOI corresponds with a policy recommendation made as a result of the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study (GTACS) traffic and safety analysis of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown. Commissioners on ANC 2E have reservations about the methods under which the GTACS was conducted, namely that the period in 2023 during which the traffic and safety analysis was conducted is unidentified and public comment on the GTACS was limited before its policy recommendation was released.

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1	Topher Mathews, District 2	Paul Maysak, District 3
Peter Sloniewsky, District 4	Mimsy Lindner, District 5	Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Daniel Chao, District 7	Knox Graham, District 8	

Whereas: ANC 2E recognizes that collected data indicates that from the time of the suspension of the rush hour parking restrictions through the end of 2022, automobile crashes, crashes with injuries, pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes have dropped substantially along M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: traffic in Georgetown is subject to fluctuations in volume throughout the year given that the student population at Georgetown University is present and absent during different periods of the year. Commissioners on ANC 2E are concerned that the period in 2023 during which the GTACS was conducted may not accurately reflect the volume and intensity of traffic during peak periods, resulting in a knowledge gap about how the policy recommendation will impact Georgetown during peak periods.

Whereas: return-to-office expectations in the post-pandemic period are also increasing traffic volumes through Georgetown. GTACS information does not reflect the additional load capacity faced by M St and Wisconsin Ave NW as a result of this change. Commissioners on ANC 2E feel that the knowledge gap posed by this changing circumstance should be clarified while temporary removal of rush hour parking restrictions is maintained in the meantime.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of NOIs being sent to nearby Glover Park and Foggy Bottom to permanently remove rush-hour parking restrictions on Wisconsin Avenue NW and M Street in those neighborhoods, respectively. Should rush-hour parking restrictions in Georgetown be permanently removed, the maintenance of rush-hour parking restrictions in these neighborhoods may result in yet-to-be-considered impacts on congestion and pollution in Georgetown, particularly on minor collector roads north of M Street and east of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also aware of the to-be-introduced proposal to remove rush-hour one-way access on Rock Creek Parkway. Should rush-hour parking restrictions in Georgetown be removed, the proposal to remove one-way access on Rock Creek Parkway may result in yet-to-be-considered impacts on congestion and pollution in Georgetown, particularly on minor collector roads north of M Street and east of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of any steps taken to mitigate the potential impact of permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW on these minor collector roads. Commissioners on ANC 2E desire a plan with means of preventing the permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW from impacting these roads, including but not limited to speed bumps and other methods of reducing traffic flow on these roads.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of a plan to address the functional impacts permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions will have on loading and unloading activities on traffic

lanes on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW, seeing as some parking and rush-hour restricted space is now being utilized for alternative uses. Commissioners on ANC 2E desire a plan preventing these activities from impeding the flow of traffic within these lanes.

Whereas: these concerns are not necessarily a consequence of any attitudes against or in favor of alternative uses of parking spaces on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW in Georgetown resulting

from the temporary removal of parking restrictions on these streets. These concerns are a consequence of attitudes that present information from the GTACS is insufficient to provide an accurate picture of the impacts of cross-neighborhood and inter-neighborhood policy differences on conditions in Georgetown. ANC 2E therefore believes additional study is necessary.

Now, therefore be it resolved:

ANC 2E recommends DDOT extend temporary removal of rush-hour parking restrictions, withdrawing, and resubmitting the NOI. The NOI should address a study of the conditions included below considering the impact returned rush-hour parking restrictions in adjacent neighborhoods on roads connecting to M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW would have on congestion and pollution levels of Georgetown's minor collector streets and additional plans for mitigating impacts to minor collector roads and functional impacts on loading and unloading activities on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW. Furthermore, the study should compile crash data leading up to the present for the same area analyzed for the GTACS.

For this study, ANC 2E recommends DDOT analyze the congestion and pollution impacts on:

- 28th through 35th Streets NW extending northbound from M Street;
- N through S Streets NW extending eastbound from Wisconsin Ave NW;

Given the conditions of:

- Permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Ave NW in Georgetown; and
- Reintroduced rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street in Foggy Bottom; and
- Reintroduced rush-hour parking restrictions on Wisconsin Ave NW in Glover Park;
- Removed rush-hour parking restrictions on Rock Creek Parkway.

During a yearly period of average traffic volume in Georgetown either:

- In the spring before the Georgetown University academic calendar releases students for the summer vacation period; or
- In the fall after the Georgetown University academic calendar returns students for the fall

Commissioner's Knox Graham and Gwendolyn Lohse are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse" in a cursive script, followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E

CC: Stephen Hanrahan, Program Analyst, DDOT
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