



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

August 1, 2022

Mr. Everett Lott
Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Incident at 21st Street and I Street NW on July 20, 2022

Dear Director Lott,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2022, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Omictin and seconded by Commissioner Hudson, to adopt the following resolution:

ANC 2A approved this letter in response to an incident during the morning of July 20, 2022, when a bicyclist was struck and killed by a dump truck at the intersection of 21st Street and I Street NW. While the exact circumstances of the crash are unknown to the Commission at this time, over the last several years, ANC 2A has advocated fervently to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for pedestrian and bicycle safety infrastructure improvements to the intersection of 21st and I Street NW. These proposed interventions have included a bicycle lane (which now runs on 20th Street NW), a four-way stop sign, and traffic signals. After many years, traffic signals have been installed, but are not operating beyond flashing yellow lights. There has never been a permanent stop sign in the southbound direction on 21st Street NW.

In the opinion of ANC 2A, had the traffic signals at the intersection of 21st Street and I Street NW been fully operational, it is highly likely that this morning’s crash would not have occurred.

With this context, ANC 2A requests answers to the following questions:

1. What caused the delay in installing and illuminating the 21st Street and I Street NW traffic signal?
2. Why were other interventions not installed earlier at this intersection, including a 4-way stop sign, curb extensions, or other traffic calming devices?
3. When will the 21st Street and I Street NW traffic lights be fully operational?



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ANC 2A wrote this letter quickly because so long as the intersection remains insufficiently signaled, the risk of further injury and death to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle drivers remains high. The ANC also knows that there are many other intersections whose safety interventions are still being constructed, including at Virginia Avenue and G Street NW in ANC 2A.

Commissioners Yannik Omictin (2A01@anc.dc.gov) and Joel Causey (2A02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson