

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



RESOLUTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF NO LEFT TURN SIGN AT INTERSECTION
OF SOUTHBOUND WISCONSIN AVENUE N.W. AND CALVERT STREET N.W.

Whereas, ANC3B has repeatedly requested removal of the No Left Turn During Rush Hours sign at the intersection of southbound Wisconsin Avenue and Calvert St. N.W.;

Whereas, on June 23, 2014, at a meeting organized by CM Cheh's office which included Mr. James Cheeks, the DDOT person with responsibility for roadway signage, both ANC3B and ANC3C made a formal request to remove the No Left Turn sign;

Whereas, at the meeting and at other times via email and in person, ANC3B explained that the No Left Turn sign was installed as a trial measure to remedy the slow northbound Wisconsin Avenue traffic that was caused by the reduction of lanes on Wisconsin Avenue, and should have been removed when Wisconsin Avenue was restored to its original lane configuration, but was not;

Whereas, Calvert Street (and its extension onto Observatory Circle) between Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue is a connector artery, providing the only non-residential through access south of Garfield Street NW between the major artery Wisconsin Avenue and the major artery Massachusetts Avenue, and as such should not have access restricted during rush hours or any hours;

Whereas, blocking left turns at Calvert forces cars and trucks to cut through the narrow streets of the small residential neighborhood of Massachusetts Avenue Heights, a dangerous and unwelcome practice, since there is no other way from southbound Wisconsin Avenue to access the Guy Mason Recreation Center parking lot, the loading bays for Whole Foods Market, the garage for the condominium building on the corner, or St. Luke's church;

Whereas, when the original lane configuration on Wisconsin Avenue was restored, the roadway striping at the southbound intersection at Calvert St. was not changed, as it should have been, and still defines a confusing left-turn-only lane, compounding the problem with the No Left Turn sign;

Therefore, ANC3B hereby requests, once again, the immediate removal of the No Left Turn During Rush Hours sign from southbound Wisconsin Avenue onto Calvert Street NW, and the removal of left-turn-lane striping from the southbound roadway at that intersection.

This resolution was introduced, discussed, and voted on at the duly scheduled meeting of ANC3B on October 23, 2014. It was passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

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