

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



October 17, 2022

Mr. Michael Goodno  
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District Department of Transportation  
250 M Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
Sent by email

**RE: DDOT NOI #22-243 MULTIMODAL FACILITY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS  
ON NEW MEXICO AVENUE AND TUNLAW ROAD NORTH OF CALVERT STREET**

Dear Mr. Goodno:

With this letter, ANC3B is responding to the DC District of Transportation (DDOT) Notice of Intent (NOI 22-243) that requests public comment on the plans for installing protected bike lanes and other traffic safety improvements on Tunlaw Road north of Calvert Street, and on New Mexico Avenue through Glover Archbold Park, continuing north to Nebraska Avenue. The proposal would also make improvements for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NOI offers to adjust the location of some on-street parking in the plans and engineering details included with the notice, along Tunlaw and New Mexico within the segment of the bicycle route in ANC3B.

The NOI asks for comments no later than November 3, 2022, about the project overall and about specific designs proposed for the roadway and bike lanes.

ANC3B has previously voted its support for the overall project to install bike lanes and other traffic safety improvements on the New Mexico-Tunlaw corridor north of Calvert Street, in order to provide increased protection for bicyclists, pedestrians, and others along those roadways. The ANC reiterates that support. The ANC would also like to restate for the record the determination by DDOT that extending protected bike lanes south of Calvert is not feasible given the narrow roadway and the need to accommodate the bus route; it is not necessary given the safety standards for bike lanes adopted by DDOT and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO); and not acceptable due to the multi-modal needs of residents of that area. DDOT's determination was supported by MoveDC 2021, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, and ANC3B, as well as the large numbers of residents who strongly oppose the proposed loss of all parking on Tunlaw south of Calvert and 37th street. Those residential streets are classified as "collector streets" which, according to both DDOT and NACTO, do not require protected bike lanes in order to provide safety for bicyclists. Tunlaw north of Calvert and New Mexico are "minor arterials" where protected bike lanes are considered the standard to provide safety.

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With regard to the questions in the NOI about specific details of the plan for the corridor, the following are ANC3B's recommendations:

- Locate the parking lane between Calvert and 3850 Tunlaw on the south/west side of the street, in front of the residences (alongside the two-way protected bike lanes that will be installed at the curbside) so that people are not forced to park across from the residences with no safe way to cross the roadway. The parking on that side of the street is already primarily designated RPP. In July we recommended that 15-20 parking spaces in that section of Tunlaw be designated RPP. We therefore support DDOT's proposal for 15 RPP, 3 unregulated spaces, and 3 embassy spaces (if necessary).
- Install 5 parking spaces in the south/west side of Tunlaw where the slip lane is being removed at 39th and Tunlaw, in addition to the 8 spaces planned on the north/east side between 39<sup>th</sup> and Fulton where there is no parking today. These should all be designated RPP.
- Install 7 parking spaces on the south/west side of New Mexico west of 42nd where the roadway is wide enough to accommodate both the two-way protected bike lanes and parking on both sides of the street;
- Designate the estimated 8 or so parking spaces in front of the Colonnade as unregulated, not RPP, so contractors, health aides and others visiting or working at the Colonnade can use those spaces as the May 9 letter from the Colonnade Condominium Association of Co-Owners has said is their priority. If the Colonnade would like to have those spaces devoted to pick-ups and deliveries, it can submit that request and work with DDOT to make those arrangements.
- Remove the RPP designation from both sides of New Mexico in Glover Archbold Park so that those performing repair services, cleaning, health aid, and other services at The Colonnade can use those parking spaces while they are working. It is our understanding that residents of The Colonnade (and 4000 Tunlaw, on the same block) cannot obtain visitor parking passes, which must be requested by residents who live on an RPP block.

The NOI does not include maps or drawings of the options mentioned above, and detailed drawings are not yet available for review. As a result, it is difficult for residents to picture how the possible changes might work and offer full responses on those proposals. Some residents will still be reviewing the NOI and submitting comments by the November 3 deadline and the ANC encourages DDOT to factor their concerns into the final plans and designs.

Please see the attachment for more detailed comments the Commission has prepared on the questions posed in the NOI.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Intent and submit comments. We appreciate the time and effort of the DDOT staff in putting together the plans for traffic safety improvements on the Tunlaw-New Mexico corridor, and their commitment to receiving input from residents and affected ANCs to develop designs that can balance needs of all users of the public space.

Sincerely,



Brian Turmail  
Chair

The Commission voted 5 - 0 to approve sending this letter at a duly noticed public meeting on October 13, 2022, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five members constitute a quorum.) The Commission designates the Chair of ANC3B or the Chair's designee to represent the Commission on this matter.

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