September 12, 2019

District Department of Transportation
Transportation Operations Administration
55 M Street SE
Washington DC 20003

RE: ANC3B Approval for NOI #19-211-TOA

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 11, 2016, ANC3B Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal met with DDOT representatives on a series of parking and traffic flow issues that remained to be cleared up after DDOT’s plan to add a median strip on Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park was deemed unworkable, and the street was restored to its original 6 lanes in 2015.

One key issue raised at that meeting was the urgent need to restore morning rush hour parking on the east (outbound) side of Wisconsin, which had been pre-emptively removed (with no notice nor community input) in an effort to reduce traffic congestion that was caused by the reduction of travel lanes. With the lanes restored to their previous configuration, there was no longer any justification for morning rush-hour parking restrictions on the out-bound side of Wisconsin.

We were told at the January 2016 meeting that if the outbound morning rush-hour parking existed before the street was reconfigured, which it did, it would be restored. But that never happened.

With both inbound and outbound morning parking barred, patrons of Glover Park’s early morning businesses – Monarch Paints, two bagel stores, two gyms, various foreign consulates – have had no place to park. That situation has now existed unnecessarily for more than 5 years, despite continued resolutions, meetings, and urgings from ANC3B and Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh’s office.

We are greatly relieved to finally be responding to a Notification of Intent to restore morning rush hour parking on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue between Whitehaven and Calvert Streets. With this letter, ANC3B is registering its approval for this action. We hope that the change can occur quickly because our local businesses have suffered for the last 5-plus years due to needless morning parking restrictions.
Thank you for your prompt action to resolve this long-standing problem.

Sincerely,

Brian Turmail
Chairman

This letter was approved by a vote of \(\frac{4}{5}\) at a duly noticed public meeting of the Commission on September 12, 2019, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five members constitute a quorum.) With this vote, the Commission also designated Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal or her designee to represent ANC3B on this matter.