

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning, and Sustainability Administration

Victor Silveira
Chair, ANC 3C
4205 Brandywine Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

June 28, 2013

Re: Notification for the Installation of Bicycle Lanes on Cathedral Avenue, NW

Notice# 13-60-PPSA

Dear Chairperson Silveira,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

This summer, DDOT would like to install a combination of bicycle and shared lanes on Cathedral Avenue, NW between Connecticut Avenue and Shoreham Drive (please see attached plans). This is an important bicycle connection between the neighborhood of Woodley Park and Rock Creek Park. *Existing automobile and parking lanes will not be affected.* This is part of a citywide initiative to make bicycling safer and more convenient. For a majority of the road, shared lane symbols would be placed outside of the parking lanes notifying drivers to expect bicyclists in the roadway, while showing cyclists where they should ride (outside of the zone where car doors open). Drivers and bicyclists would share this lane.

Going uphill along the curb from Shoreham Drive to Woodley Road, a five-foot wide bicycle lane will be striped. It will include a symbol of a bicycle and an arrow pointing in the direction of travel. It will give bicyclists a dedicated space to ride while, at the same time, allowing faster moving cars to proceed uninhibited. Going downhill, bicyclists and drivers will share a wide 14’ travel lane.

There are several benefits of installing bicycle lanes:

- They clearly delineate the space for bicycles and cars, allowing both to move in a straighter, more predictable manner.
- They encourage bicyclists to ride on the right side of the road (wrong way riding is against the law and a common cause of bicycle crashes).
- They help separate parked cars from moving cars and may calm traffic.

The City has similar bicycle lanes in place already, such as those on 18th Street NE. These have proved popular with motorists, residents and bicyclists.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, not later than thirty days (30) after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation, Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration, 55 M Street, S.E., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mike.goodno@dc.gov, or 202-671-0681.

Sincerely,



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Bicycle Program Specialist

Cc: Kelly Peterson, DDOT
Lee Brian Reba, ANC 3C01



Existing Bike Lane on 18th Street, NE