

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning, and Sustainability Administration

Mary Cuthbert
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C
3125 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032

April 4, 2014

Re: Notification for the Installation of a Bicycle Lane on Malcolm X Avenue, SE

Notice# 13-47-PPSA

Dear Chairperson Cuthbert,

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 written notice of our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

Installation of a bicycle lane on Malcolm X Avenue, SE between South Capitol Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

The bicycle lane *would not affect existing parking or automobile travel lanes*. There would be a curbside bicycle lane going in the uphill direction and a shared travel lane going in the downhill direction. The shared lane would have a bicycle symbol with chevrons in the direction of travel signifying that cyclists and motorists share the roadway. The bicycle lane would be five-feet wide with an outside stripe between the bike lane and the travel lane. In addition, there would be a symbol of a bicycle and an arrow pointing in the direction of travel. Bicycle lanes have proven popular with motorists, residents and bicyclists since they safely organize travel patterns that are already occurring.

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, New Mexico Avenue NW, and Butternut Street NW. 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. Comments should be submitted by post mail to Mike Goodno, DDOT/ PPSA, 55 M Street, S.E., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003, or by email to mike.goodno@dc.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-671-0681 or mike.goodno@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



Mike Goodno,
Bicycle Program Specialist

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18th Street, NE