

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration

September 5, 2013

Dwayne M. Toliver
Chair, ANC 4A
7820 Eastern Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Re: Notification for the Installation of Bicycle Lanes on Piney Branch Road, NW

Notice# 13-109-PPSA

Dear Chairman Toliver,

In May of 2011 we contacted ANC 4A about installing bike lanes on Piney Branch Road between Quackenbos Street and Georgia Avenue. This recommendation is part of the Brightwood Transportation Study and will help calm traffic and increase safety along this street segment where speeding and aggressive driving have been observed as persistent problems.

We now have a revised design to share with you (attached here). The proposed bike lanes on Piney Branch Road are designed to work with the new intersection configuration at Piney Branch Road and Georgia Avenue. The bicycle lanes will introduce a dedicated portion of the right of way for bicyclists, marked by additional white stripes between the parking lanes and vehicular travel lanes (see attached photo). The five-foot wide bicycle lanes will contain a symbol of a bicycle and an arrow pointing in the direction of travel.

There are several benefits of installing bicycle lanes:

- Bicycle lanes 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); and
- They help separate parked cars from moving cars and are proven tools for calming vehicle traffic.

The City has many bicycle lanes in place already, such as those on Piney Branch Road NW east of Georgia Avenue, and 3rd Street NW (see photo below). These have proved popular with motorists, residents and bicyclists.

This letter also serves as the official notice of intent:

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), 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, DC 20003, or by email to mike.goodno@dc.gov

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-671-0681.

Sincerely,



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3rd St, NW Bicycle Lanes