

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning, and Sustainability Administration

Joseph M. Vaughan
Chair, ANC 4C
P.O. Box 60847
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September 3, 2013

Re: Notification for the Installation Bicycle Lanes on Rock Creek Church Road, NW

Notice# 13-110-PPSA

Dear Chairperson Vaughan,

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 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:

Installation of bicycle lanes on Rock Creek Church Road, NW between 5th Street and Upshur Street

The bicycle lanes *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.

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,



Mike Goodno,
Bicycle Program Specialist

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Shared Lanes and Bike Lanes on Illinois Avenue, NW