

**Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B**



**[DRAFT] RESOLUTION #4B-23-06XX
Supporting Safety Improvements on 3rd Street, NE
Between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE (NOI #23-110-TESD)
Adopted June 26, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) takes note of the following:

- The District of Columbia has set a goal of having [zero fatalities and serious injuries](#) on its roadways by 2024. The District has “[fallen short](#)” of that goal, however, with [40 fatalities and 410 major injuries in 2021](#), the deadliest year on record since 2007, [35 fatalities and 336 major injuries in 2022](#), and [24 fatalities and 168 major injuries so far in 2023](#).
- On May 23, 2023, the District Department of Transportation published [Notice of Intent #23-110-TESD](#) for proposed traffic safety improvements on 3rd Street, NE, between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE. As stated in the Notice of Intent, the area presents a number of safety concerns: “Currently, the intersection of 2nd and 3rd Streets NE is stop controlled at the 2nd Street NE approach and uncontrolled along 3rd Street NE. Approximately 250 feet south of the intersection, mid-block on 3rd Street NE, field observations indicate that motorists frequently turn left from the Walmart garage or make U-turns to access southbound 3rd Street NE.”
- The District Department of Transportation conducted a safety and operations study of 3rd Street, NE between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE, and has proposed the following recommendations to improve safety for all road users:
 - Conversion of the intersection of 2nd Street and 3rd Streets, NE to a roundabout configuration to facilitate U-turns;
 - Installation of a raised lane separator with vertical flexible posts on 3rd Street, NE between 2nd Street, NE and the 310 Riggs Road, NE

(Walmart) parking garage on 3rd Street, NW to address mid-block safety issues; and

- Installation of crosswalks at the intersection of 2nd Street and 3rd Street, NE.

Approximately 19 parking spaces will be removed from 2nd Street and 3rd Street, NE to accommodate the roundabout. The District Department of Transportation has indicated installation will occur during the summer of 2023.

- The proposed recommendations are pictured below:

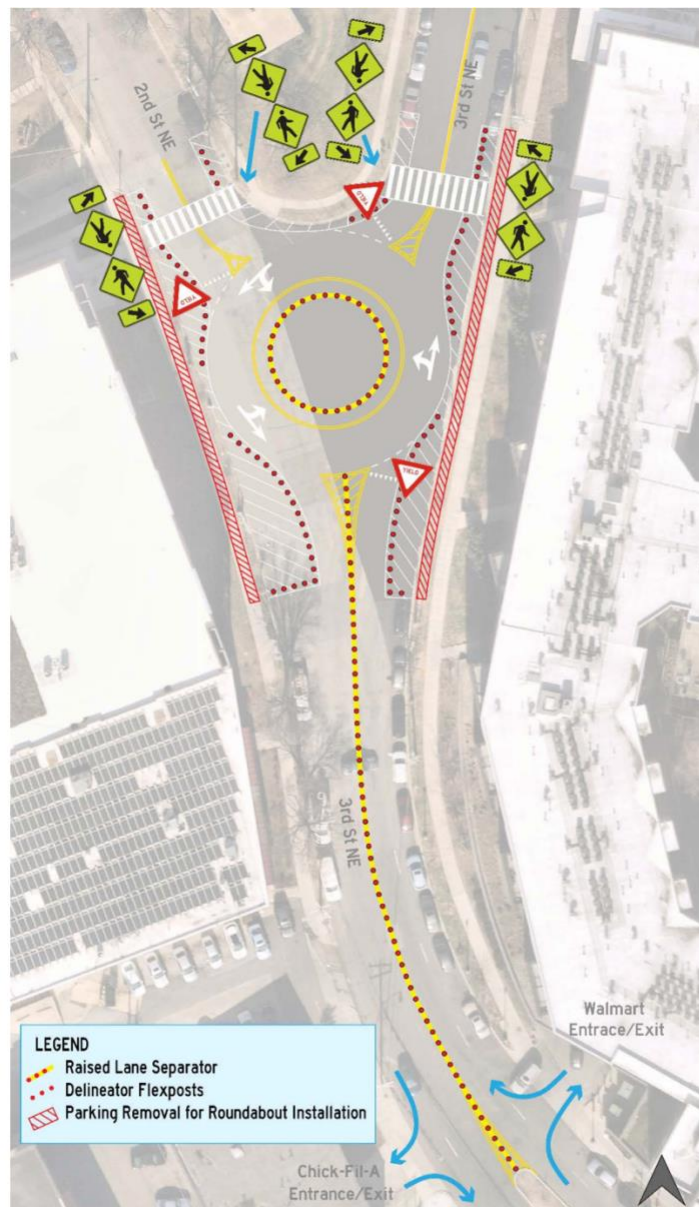


Figure 1 – Proposed Configuration at the Second and Third Street NE Intersection

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- Neighbors have sought traffic calming on 3rd Street, NE, between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE, for years, noting unsafe road design that encourages dangerous driver maneuvers and heavy vehicle traffic on residential roads. The proposed traffic safety improvements included in the District Department of Transportation’s [Notice of Intent #23-110-TESD](#) follow extensive efforts by Commissioner Alison Brooks (4B08) and Commissioner LaRoya Huff (4B10), including:
 - [Resolution 4B-20-0406](#), Supporting DDOT Public Space Permit Application No. 348544, Proposed Chick-Fil-A at 220 Riggs Road, NE (Apr. 27, 2020): “Chick-fil-A is proposing to close two curb cuts on 3rd Street, NE and realign the driveway on Riggs Road, NE as part of its project.... The proposed closure of the curb cuts and realignment of the driveway on Riggs Road, NE will improve traffic safety and circulation in the vicinity of the Property.”
 - [Resolution 4B-20-0501](#), Requesting Elimination of One Parking Space on 3rd Street, NE (May 26, 2020): “[T]he sightlines at the driveway at Walmart (310 Riggs Road, NE) are poor for exiting vehicles due to topography and on-street parking. Vehicles were observed encroaching onto the sidewalk in order to improve visibility.”
 - [Resolution 4B-20-0907](#), Request for Traffic Calming Measures Within ANC 4B08 & 4B09 (Sept. 28, 2020): “Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B requests ... [a] raised roundabout at the intersection of 3rd Street and 2nd Streets, NE, to slow traffic at that intersection[; a]n investigation of additional traffic calming measures to ensure pedestrian safety from the Riggs Road and S. Dakota Ave, NE intersection, along 3rd St to Nicholson Street NE[; an i]nvestigat[ion] and implement[ation of] safety measure[s] to ensure pedestrians & residents in the 5600 block 3rd street can safely cross the street.”
 - Multiple meetings and email communications with representatives from the District Department of Transportation reiterating requests for a longer median along 3rd Street, NE to prevent U-turns and left turns out of the Walmart parking lot and a roundabout at 2nd Street and 3rd Streets, NE.
- The Commission supports the prompt installation of the proposed traffic safety measures, as well as prompt study and consideration of measures to make these changes more permanent, including hardening the areas currently subject to installation of vertical flexible posts. *See generally* [Resolution 4B-22-1009](#), Calling for Maintenance & Hardening of Traffic Safety Improvements to Intersection at Piney Branch Road, Whittier Street & 8th Street, NW (formerly NOI #21-6-TOA) (Oct. 24, 2022).

- The Commission has broadly and at every opportunity supported traffic calming across the Commission area as one of the top priorities of Commission residents and will continue to do so. See Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, [Annual Report 2022](#) (Nov. 28, 2022) (“Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B prioritizes safe, accessible, and affordable modes of transportation for all District residents, regardless of mode. The Commission and Commissioners regularly pursue infrastructure improvements and traffic calming efforts to ensure the safety of Commission residents. While the Commission has had notable successes, the Commission continues to face challenges in terms of the District Department of Transportation’s transparency and consistency of procedures, as well as implementation of improvements. These challenges include failure to respond to requests for traffic calming and lack of transparency around the outcomes of traffic safety investigations, failure to act on proposed infrastructure projects, and failure to execute planned construction projects in a timely manner and in accordance with community expectations. The Commission’s and the community’s commitment to safer streets is for naught without focused, ongoing support from the District Department of Transportation.”).

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B recognizes a lengthy history of advocacy for and community support of proposed traffic safety improvements on 3rd Street, NE, between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to promptly implement the recommendations proposed in the Department’s [Notice of Intent #23-110-TESD](#).

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, Commissioner LaRoya Huff, ANC 4B10, Commissioner Evan Yeats, ANC 4B04, and Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of _ members was present) on June 26, 2023, by a vote of _ yes, _ no, _ abstentions.

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