

Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B



[DRAFT] RESOLUTION #4B-24-0501

**Noting History of Requests and Calling for Installation of Meaningful Traffic Safety Infrastructure at the Intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, and the Intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Adopted May 28, 2024**

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 [52 fatalities and 360 major injuries in 2023, the deadliest year on record since 2007](#), and [19 fatalities and 124 major injuries](#) just five months into 2024.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has broadly and at every opportunity supported traffic calming across the Commission area as one of the Commission’s top priorities. *See generally* Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, [Annual Report 2023](#) (Nov. 27, 2023) (“The Commission strongly supports Vision Zero efforts to ensure zero fatalities and serious injuries to users of the District’s transportation systems and has consistently acted to further the government’s own stated goals.”). Traffic safety continues to be one of the top concerns raised by residents across the Commission area.
- Over years, Commissioners and residents have regularly submitted 311 requests and communicated with the District Department of Transportation to express concerns regarding traffic safety in and around the intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, and the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW. The District Department of Transportation’s [Traffic Safety Input Dashboard](#) shows several traffic safety input requests for these intersections marked for “future consideration.”

- Specifically, for the intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, residents have experienced safety concerns with regard to drivers blocking the box. And for the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW, residents have also experienced safety concerns with regard to drivers blocking the box, as well as drivers going southbound on New Hampshire Avenue, NW, using the right-turn only lane on the southside of the intersection as a pass lane to go straight on New Hampshire Avenue, NW. This misuse of the right-turn only lane not only creates safety issues but also stalls drivers in that lane attempting to turn right. Images of each intersection are included below:



The intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE.



The intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW.

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has long supported traffic calming in the areas in and around the intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, and the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW. See [Resolution 4B-23-0602](#), Supporting Safety Improvements on 3rd Street, NE Between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE (NOI #23-110-TESD) (June 26, 2023) (recognizing “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”); see also [Resolution 4B-20-0406](#), Supporting DDOT Public Space Permit Application No. 348544, Proposed Chick-Fil-A at 220 Riggs Road, NE (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-20-0501](#), Requesting Elimination of One Parking Space on 3rd Street, NE (May 26, 2020); [Resolution 4B-20-0907](#), Request for Traffic Calming Measures Within ANC 4B08 & 4B09 (Sept. 28, 2020). The Commission continues to support traffic calming infrastructure and traffic safety improvements at both these intersections and the surrounding areas.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B requests consideration of the following mechanisms to address traffic safety concerns at these intersections, as well as any other traffic calming and traffic safety infrastructure that the District Department of Transportation might consider appropriate:
 - deployment of automated traffic enforcement at both intersections to prevent drivers from blocking the box and enhance the safety of all road users;
 - deployment of automated traffic enforcement or other traffic enforcement at the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW, to prevent drivers from using the right-turn only lane as an illegal pass lane;
 - deployment of traffic control officers at both intersections, as appropriate, to prevent drivers from blocking the box and to prevent drivers from using the right-turn only lane as an illegal pass lane at the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW;
 - installation of flex posts or other physical traffic calming, if feasible, that would prevent drivers from using the right-turn only lane as an illegal pass lane at the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW;
 - assessment of signal light timing at both intersections to prevent drivers from blocking the box;
 - painting line patterns or other markings to warn drivers against blocking the box at both intersections and enhance the safety of all road users; and

- installing additional signage, including visual imagery, against blocking the box at both intersections.
- As the Commission has previously noted, while the Commission appreciates temporary and mid-term traffic calming infrastructure like flex posts, those installations are often destroyed quickly. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has repeatedly supported making more permanent and hardening traffic safety infrastructure. See [Resolution 4B-23-0801](#), Calling for Additional Hardening of Protected Bike Lane on Piney Branch Road, NW, Due to Repeated Damage (Aug. 28, 2023) (“Destruction of traffic safety infrastructure indicates that driver behavior is not changing and that additional infrastructure is necessary. Where such infrastructure is repeatedly destroyed, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls for action to strengthen and improve that infrastructure.”); see also [Resolution 4B-23-0602](#), Supporting Safety Improvements on 3rd Street, NE Between Riggs Road and 2nd Street, NE (NOI #23-110-TESD) (June 26, 2023); [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 encourages such longer-term considerations and investments at this location, where feasible.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to assess all available mechanisms to address the traffic safety concerns expressed regarding the intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, and the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW, and promptly install such measures as will most effectively address these safety concerns.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to engage in open communications with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B about efforts to address the traffic safety concerns expressed regarding the intersection of South Dakota Avenue, NE, and Riggs Road, NE, and the intersection of Missouri Avenue, NW, and New Hampshire Avenue, NW.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, Commissioner Evan Yeats, ANC 4B04, Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, and Zurick T. Smith, ANC 4B03, 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 May 28, 2024, by a vote of _ yes, _ no, _ abstentions.

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