

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



RESOLUTION #4B-24-0901

**Recommending Removal of “Rush Hour No Parking” Restriction
on the 400 and 500 Blocks of Cedar Street, NW**

Adopted September 23, 2024

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

- The 400 and 500 blocks of Cedar Street, NW (between Blair Road, NW, and Piney Branch Road, NW) are local roads located entirely within Single Member District 4B04 and are not classified for collector or arterial traffic.
- This portion of Cedar Street, NW, is a significant pedestrian route, especially for children, because of its proximity to the Takoma Metrorail Station and its direct service for the Takoma Park Neighborhood Library (located at 416 Cedar Street, NW) and Takoma Elementary School.
- Pedestrian traffic continues to increase along the street as a major pedestrian thoroughfare between the Takoma Metrorail Station and increased development to the West, such as the Parks at Walter Reed and the District of Columbia International School.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has previously unanimously requested traffic calming at the intersection of Cedar Street, NW and 5th Street, NW, including but not limited to [Resolution 4B-21-2001](#), Calling for Crosswalk and Intersection Improvements Within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Oct. 25, 2021).
- Despite heavy pedestrian traffic, a local road classification, the presence of a public library (that has been in its current location for more than 110 years), and the road ending in an elementary school (that has been in its current location for more than 120 years), the District Department of Transportation maintains a “Rush Hour No Parking” restriction on portions of the street in the morning.
- “Rush Hour No Parking” restrictions are designed to increase speeds of vehicles utilizing the road and encourage commuter drivers to use the

road as a cut-through. Increased vehicle speeds are directly linked to [increased vehicle crashes](#) and [increased pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries](#).

- 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 [40 fatalities and 247 major injuries](#) so far in 2024, with an upward trend in fatalities since 2012.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to remove the “Rush Hour No Parking” restriction on the 400 and 500 blocks of Cedar Street, NW, to reduce vehicle speeds, increase safety, and discourage commuters from using residential roads as cut-throughs.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to collect and analyze the safety implications of all “Rush Hour No Parking” restrictions citywide and consider if the parking restriction is compatible with the District’s Vision Zero safety goals and functional classification of the street.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to consider ceasing the use of “Rush Hour No Parking” restrictions on local roads (as defined in the Department’s [Functional Classification Map](#)).

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Evan Yeats, ANC 4B04, Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, and Commissioner 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 September 23, 2024, by a vote of _ yes, _ no, _ abstentions.