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September 20, 2019

Commissioner John Fanning, Chairperson Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F 1307 12th Street, NW #505 Washington, DC 20005

Via Email: <u>2F04@anc.dc.gov</u>

NOI# 19-004-TDD

Re: Improvements to H and I Streets NW Permanent Bus Lanes

Dear Chairperson Fanning:

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 a written notice of our intent (NOI) 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:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will make the bus lanes on H and I Streets NW permanent effective November 12, 2019. The bus lanes pilot hours will continue until the permanent lanes go into effect.

DDOT will implement the following changes to remedy operations challenges identified during the pilot period:

- Extend bus lane hours to operate between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, effective November 12, 2019 to reduce confusion about when lanes are in effect.
- Create loading zones on the opposite side of the street (south curb of I Street and north curb of H Street) to accommodate loading spaces that will be impacted by the bus lanes.

Currently, the bus lanes pilot operates during the morning rush hour from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and the evening rush hour from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. However, the redpainted bus lanes that allow parking in the off-peak period has been a cause of

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confusion among drivers about when the lanes should be used by buses only. Further, bus ridership data indicates that while 48 percent of daily bus riders use the H & I corridors in the morning and evening peaks, 39 percent of bus riders use the corridors in the morning, midday and afternoon in between the peaks. To minimize confusion over bus lane hours and to extend the benefit of the bus lanes to more bus riders in the District, we will extend bus lane hours of operation to 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, effective November 12, 2019.

As we extend the hours of operation for the bus lanes, we cannot ignore the critical loading and freight needs of businesses along H & I Streets NW. To mitigate any impacts to existing loading spaces that will be impacted because of the bus lanes, we are recommending the extendion of existing loading spaces or creating new loading spaces on the opposite side of the street (south curb of I Street and north curb of H Street) as shown in **Attachment A**.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by Wednesday, November 4, 2019 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Raka Choudhury, Transit Delivery Division, 55 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003 or by email at raka.choudhury@dc.gov.

If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

Raka Choudhury

Deputy Associate Director, Transit Delivery Division Project Delivery Administration

CC: Janice Ferebee, Commissioner ANC 2F-08
Amr Kotb, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services – Ward 2
Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services – Ward 2

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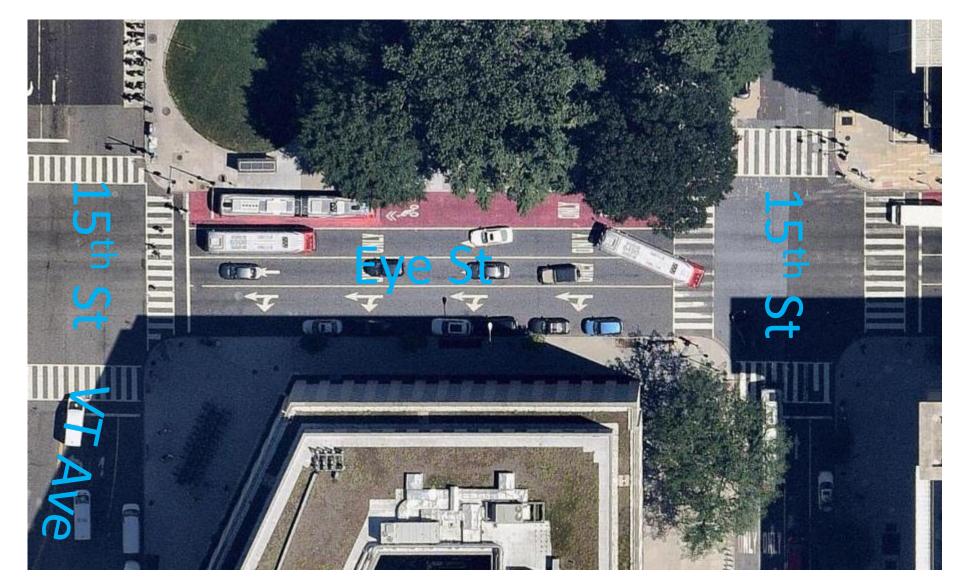


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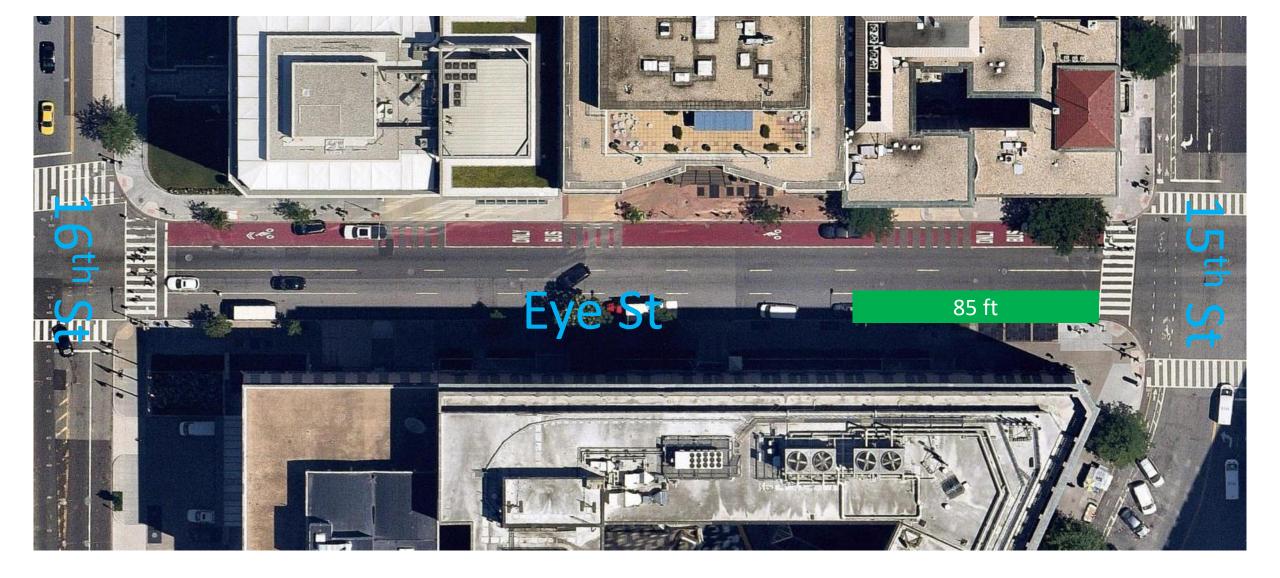
Attachment A: Commercial Loading Zone Recommendations



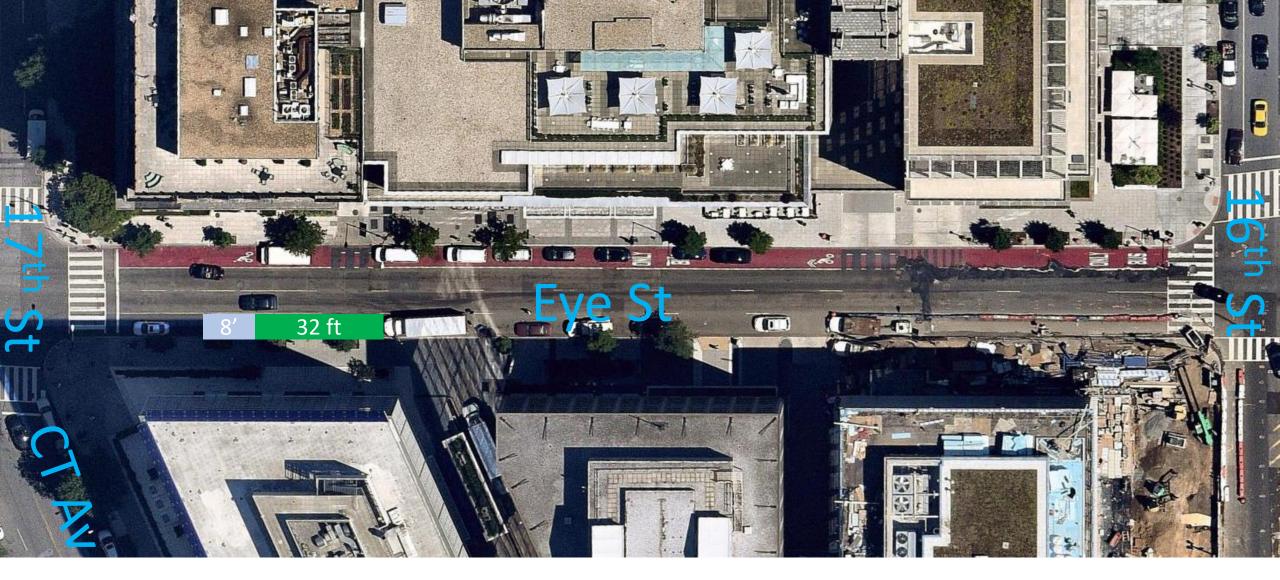
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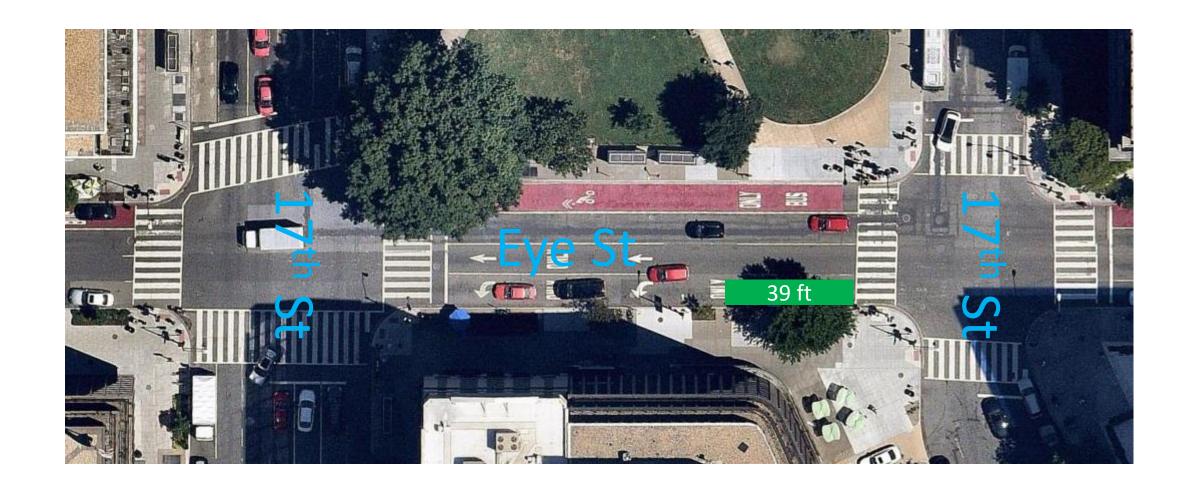
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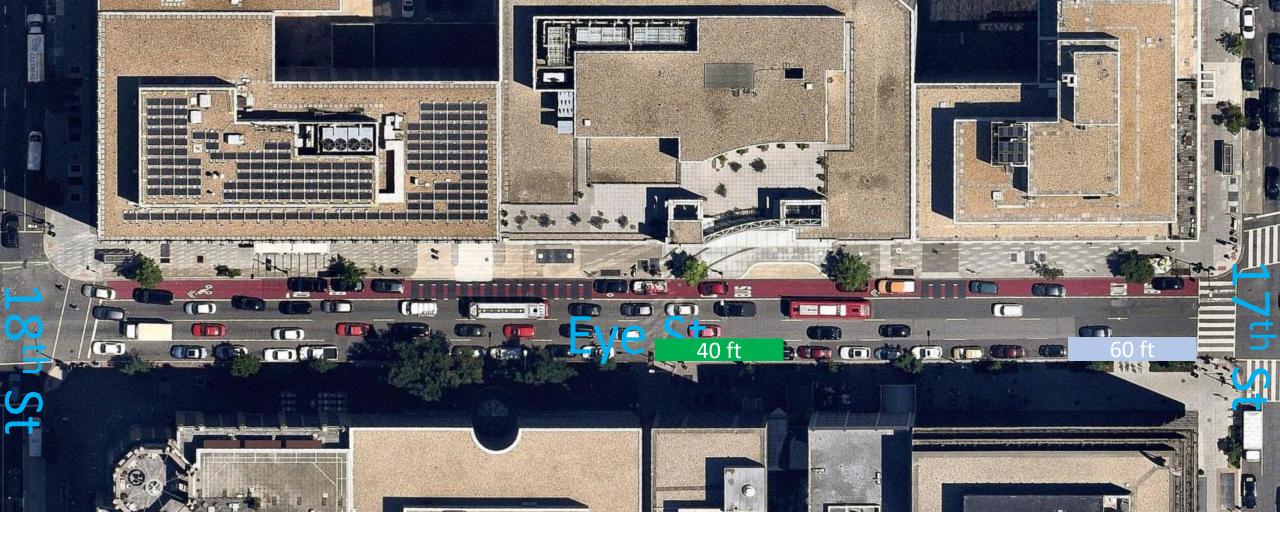
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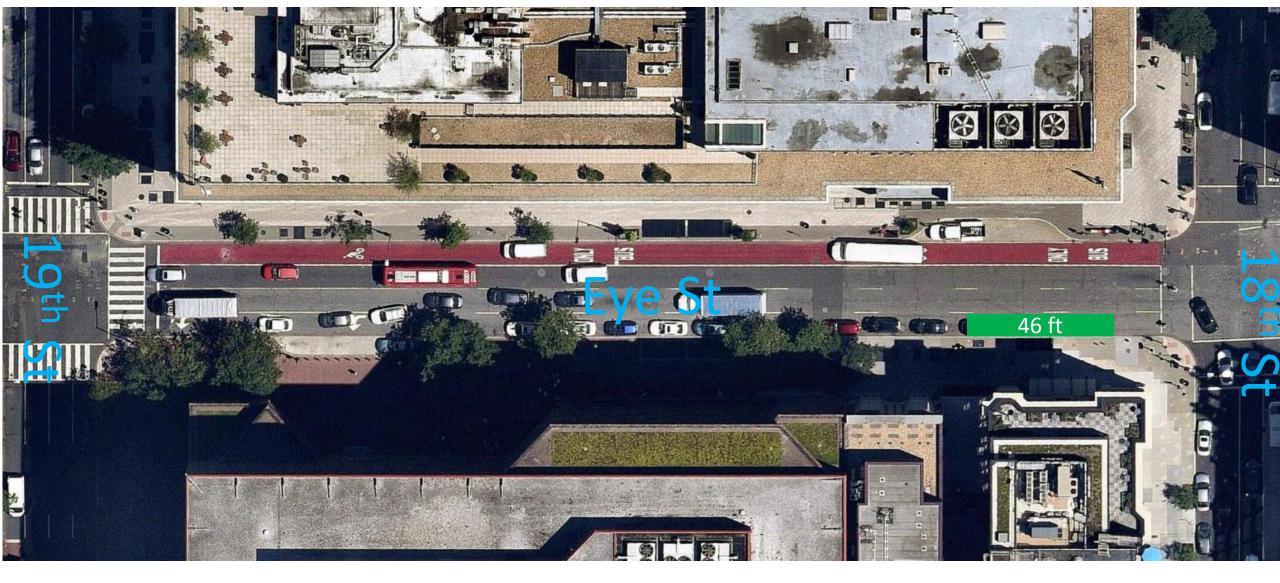
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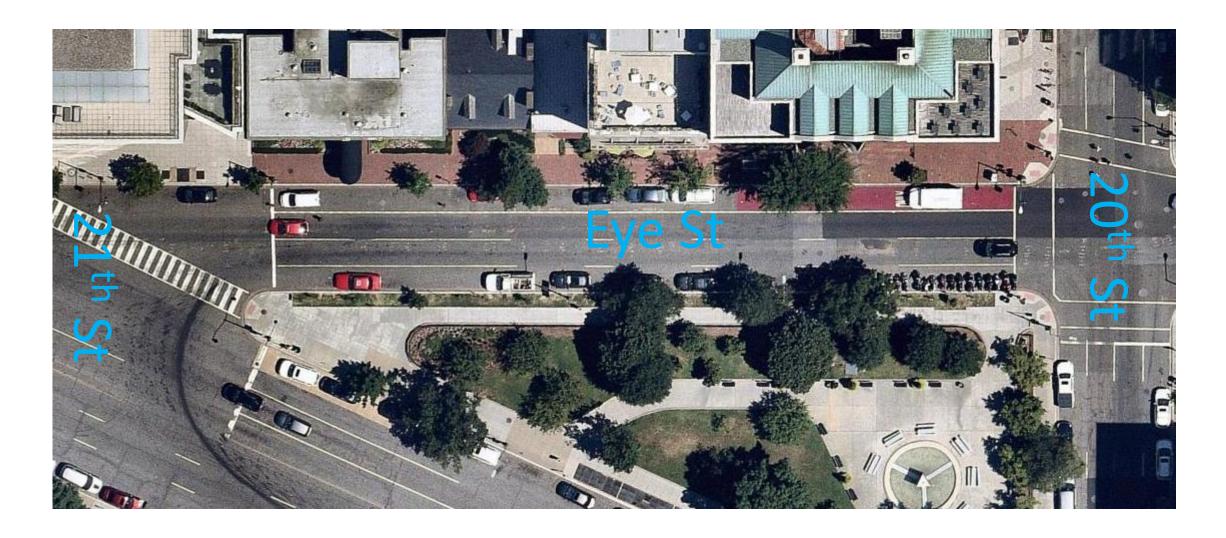
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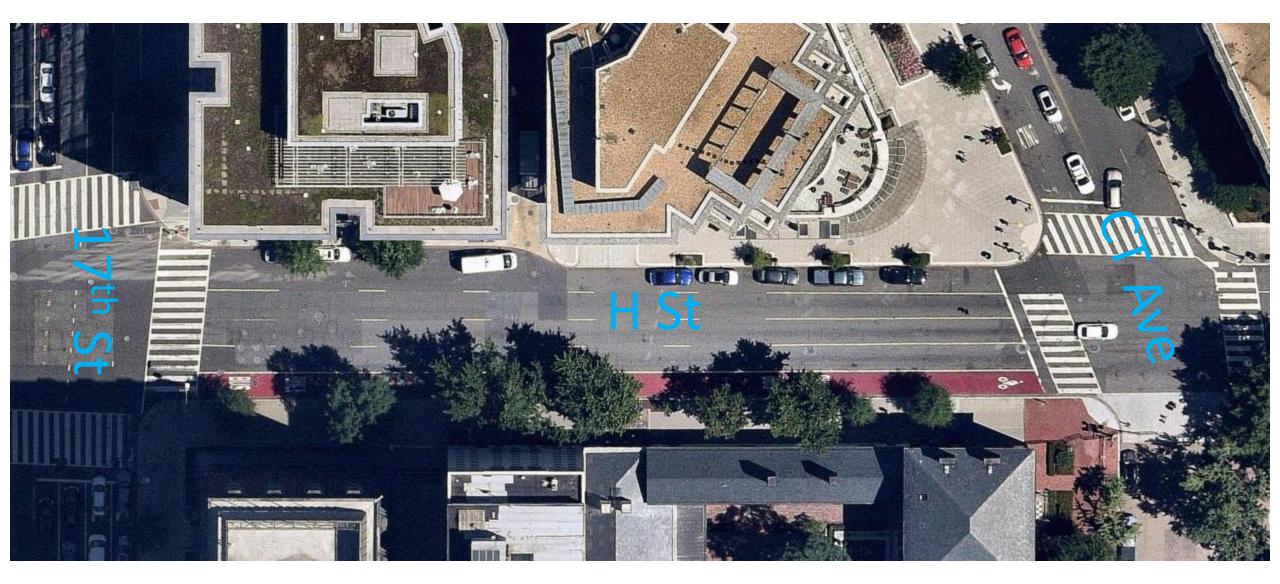
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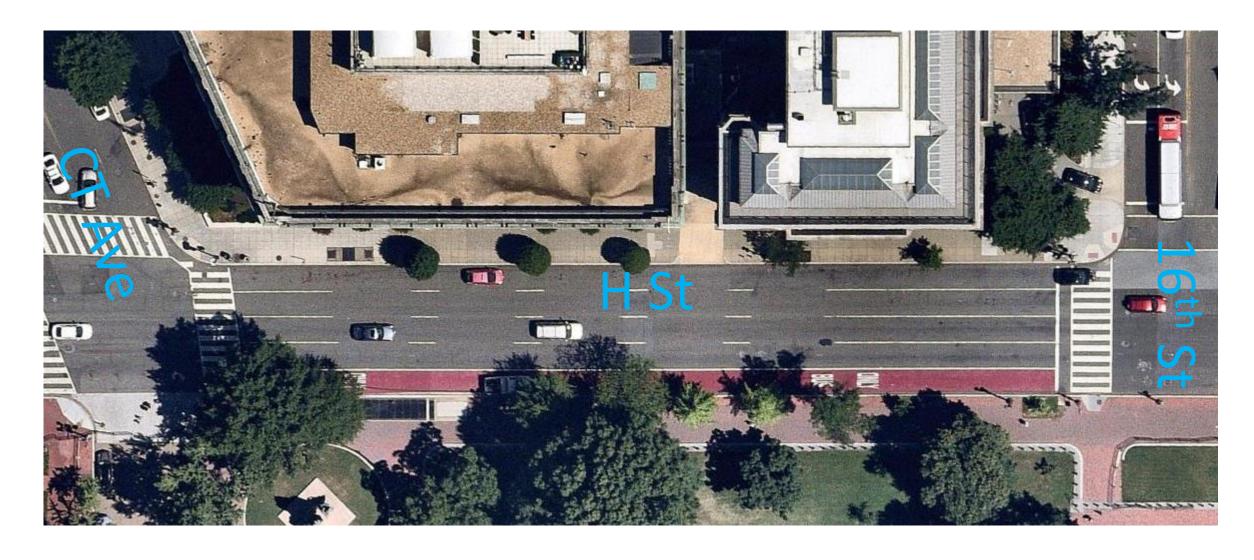
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