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## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E Resolution No. 2025-001

## RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRIORITIZATION OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY DDOT

WHEREAS, ANC 5E is bounded by multiple high-injury network corridors, with daily occurrences of drivers violating traffic laws including speeding, running red lights and through stop signs, and not yielding to pedestrians at crossings;

WHEREAS, ANC 5E has repeatedly called on District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to prioritize pedestrian safety at key intersections and to ask for signal modifications as pedestrians do not have adequate time to cross multiple lanes of traffic in previous resolutions;

WHEREAS, the Council passed B25-0577 "Public Life and Activity Zones Amendment ("PLAZA") Act", which requires "that the District Department of Transportation establish multimodal measures of effectiveness for assessing transportation projects":

WHEREAS, DDOT has prioritized vehicular movement and traffic flow over pedestrian safety by repeatedly denying requests to improve safety for pedestrians in the neighborhood.

WHEREAS, at 1st and Rhode Island Avenue NW, pedestrians get 31 seconds to cross eight lanes of traffic, and at North Capitol St NW and R St NW, it is 30 seconds to cross six lanes of traffic which is insufficient time to cross safely.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 5E calls on DDOT to conduct relevant analysis and implement the following changes to the below-listed locations:

- Increase the pedestrian light timing to comply with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) regulations of 1 second per 3.5 feet at all intersections on North Capitol St NW and 1st NW located in ANC 5E
- Adjust the pedestrian light timing from 31 seconds to 45 seconds for pedestrians to cross northbound 1st NW at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NW
- Adjust the pedestrian light timing from 31 seconds to 45 seconds for pedestrians to cross southbound 1st St NW at the intersection of T St NW
- Adjust the pedestrian light timing from 30 seconds to 40 seconds for pedestrians to cross eastbound R St NW safely at intersection of North Capitol St NW
- Adjust the pedestrian light timing from 20 seconds to 45 seconds for pedestrians to cross EB Channing St at the intersection of North Capitol St NE
- Adjust the pedestrian light timing from 20 seconds to 45 seconds for pedestrians to cross EB Bryant St at the intersection of North Capitol St NE

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- Adjust the EB pedestrian light timing at Florida Avenue NW and R St NW to 45 seconds
- Upgrade the current pedestrian light infrastructure 'beg buttons' at North Capitol St and Bryant St NW and North Capitol St and Channing St NW to Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS).

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5E calls on DDOT to:

- Enact the PLAZA Act requirements in its planning and execution of transportation projects with a focus on prioritizing pedestrian safety.
- Ensure the pedestrian light timings during high-volume pedestrian usage to prioritize the safety of pedestrians including schoolchildren to be able to navigate the streets to their residences and educational facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Huma Imtiaz is authorized to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced by Commissioner Huma Imtiaz and came before ANC 5E at a duly-noticed public meeting on March 18, 2025. ANC 5E is composed of 6 Commissioners, such that 4 Commissioners constitute a quorum. With 6 Commissioners present, ANC 5E voted 6-0-0 to adopt this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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