

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



April 21, 2023

Pavan Khoobchandani
Chairperson, ANC 4E
Via email: 4E06@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 23-83-TESD

**Re: Arkansas Avenue and Iowa Avenue NW Intersection
Installation of median, pedestrian crosswalk and refuge island, and removal of on-street parking**

Dear Chairperson Khoobchandani,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCMR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent 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 modifications in your jurisdiction.

- **Removal of approximately six (6) parking spaces along Arkansas Avenue NW at Iowa Avenue for the installation of median, new crosswalk and pedestrian refuge island, and other safety enhancements along Arkansas Avenue NW from Iowa Avenue to Decatur Street**

This NOI is being issued to facilitate the installation of a complete set of traffic safety mitigations along Arkansas Avenue NW between Iowa Avenue NW and Decatur Street NW, including: 1) a central median consisting of tactical materials (i.e., Quick Curb and flexible bollards) along Arkansas Avenue, within the intersection with Iowa Avenue NW, to eliminate the angle crash pattern, 2) a new crosswalk and ADA compliant ramps on the north side of the intersection, across Arkansas Avenue, 3) a new concrete pedestrian refuge on the north side of the intersection, and 4) revised pavement markings along Arkansas Avenue NW between Iowa Avenue NW and Decatur Street NW to reduce lane widths and provide a painted median.

DDOT has previously issued two (2) NOIs related to the proposed safety improvements at this location. Following the issuance of NOI# 22-282-TESD, DDOT received recommendations and feedback and worked with the community to develop alternative solutions to mitigate the safety concerns. Subsequently, DDOT issued a new NOI# 23-20-TESD, which extended the timeline for our delivery of the alternative short-term improvements (i.e., installation of median along Arkansas Avenue at Arkansas Avenue and Iowa Avenue intersection).

In addition, DDOT’s development of medium-term improvements at this location, including the pedestrian refuge and parking removal proposed as part of this NOI, was further delayed due to the WMATA construction activities that were recently initiated at the intersection.

Recognizing the importance of this project to the community, and because the short-term and medium-term traffic and pedestrian safety improvements are highly interconnected, DDOT is issuing this NOI with a shortened 10-day public notice to avoid any further delay in delivering the urgent safety improvements proposed as part of this project. This NOI supersedes NOI# 22-282-TESD and NOI# 23-20-TESD.

Figure 1 illustrates the comprehensive set of proposed improvements to the area including the proposed locations of removed parking.



Figure 1: Conceptual Safety Improvements for Arkansas Avenue NW between Iowa Avenue NW and Decatur Street NW

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by Friday, May 5, 2023 (ten business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Project Delivery Administration at 250 M Street, S.E., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20003. DDOT will review and evaluate comments and anticipates initiating implementation of the above-mentioned modifications starting at the end of the ten business days, pending weather conditions.

If you would like to check the status of the Notice of Intent (NOI) or submit your comments via email, please visit DDOT’s website at: <https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/overview>. 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,

Sahar Nabaee,
Traffic Safety Manager
Project Delivery Administration

CC: Commissioner Carla Ferris, ANC 4E04
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If you need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Karen Randolph at 202-671-2620 or Karen.Randolph@dc.gov.

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重要通知

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