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Department of Transportation



d. Planning & Sustainability Division

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Commissioner Alison Brooks
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
715 Van Buren Street NW
Washington, DC 20012
Via Email: 4B08@anc.dc.gov

Notice # 22-169-PSD

Re: Kansas Avenue Protected Bike Lanes

Dear Chair Brooks,

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 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:

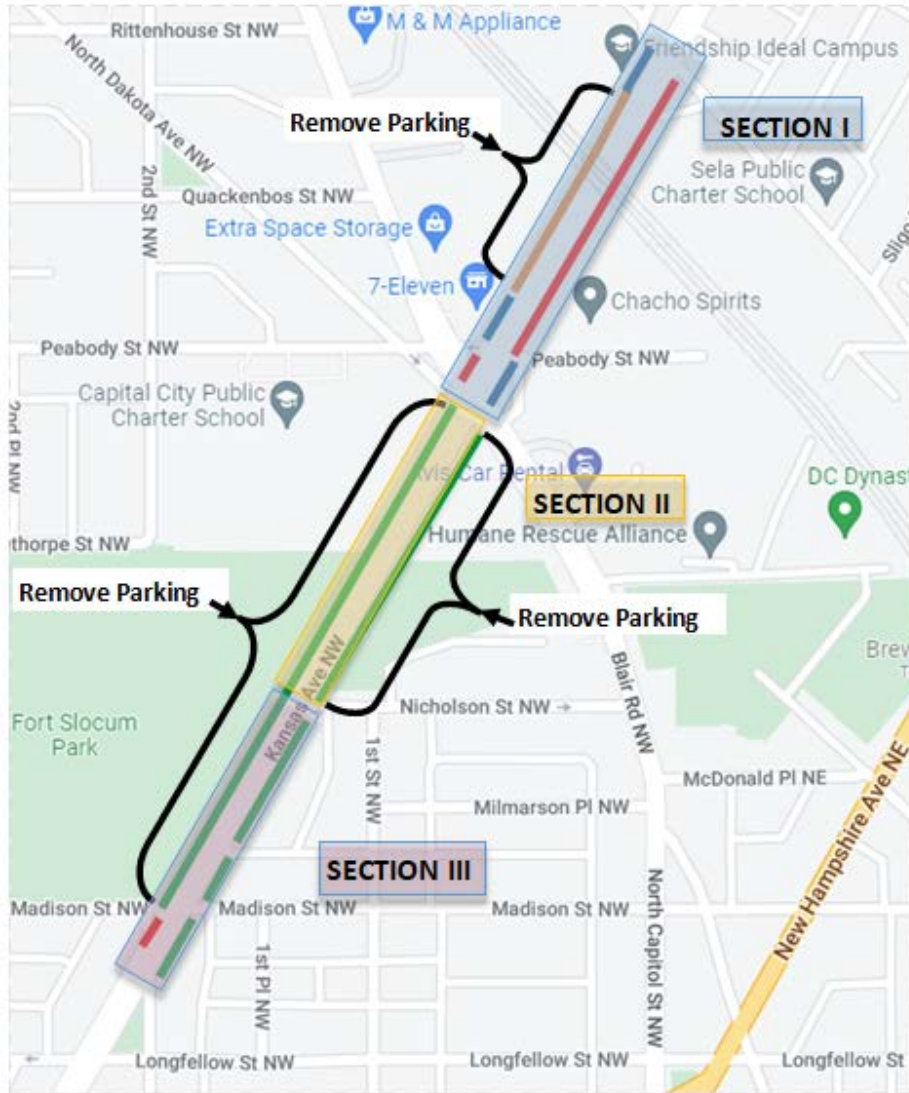
The installation of protected bike lanes on Kansas Avenue between Chillum Place NE and 2nd Street NW

Overview:

Kansas Avenue has been identified as part of the bicycle priority network in MoveDC, the District of Columbia’s statewide long-range transportation plan. Standard unprotected bicycle lanes exist today on a majority of Kansas Avenue. The two exceptions are south of Upshur Street and a gap between Chillum Place NE and Blair Road. With this notice, DDOT proposes to close that network gap with one-way protected bike lanes between Chillum Place NE and Blair Road NW and convert portions of the existing unprotected bike lanes between Blair Road and 2nd Street NW to protected.

Design elements:

The proposed changes can be best explained by dividing the corridor into three distinct sections. The graphic below illustrates the sections along with existing and proposed curbside uses. Following the graphic are descriptions of the existing and proposed conditions of each section.



Legend

-  Bus Stop
-  Rush-hour Restricted Parking
-  Full Time Parking
-  No Parking

Section I: Kansas Avenue between Chillum Pl NE and Blair Road NW

In this section the road has two sections divided by a ten-foot wide median. The existing roadway configuration is two travel lanes in each direction. Adding protected bicycle lanes to this section will require removing one travel lane in each direction. See existing and proposed roadway cross sections in figure 1 below.

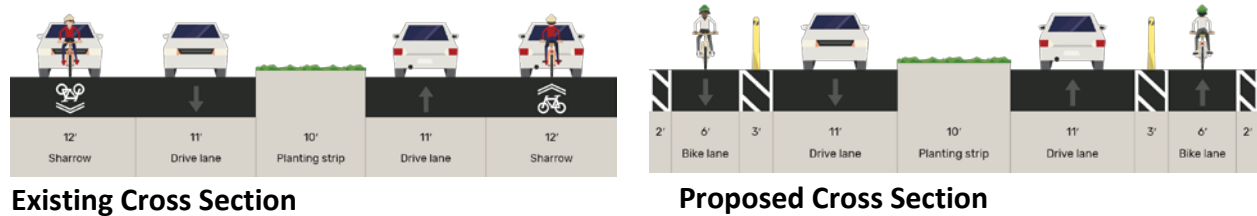
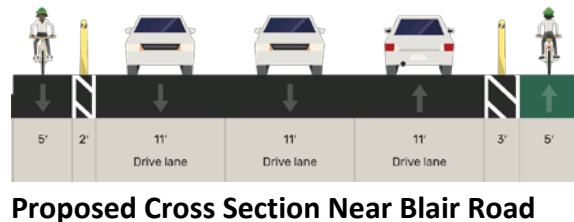


Figure 1: Existing and Proposed Roadway Cross Sections of Kansas Avenue between Chillum Pl NE and Blair Road NW

Near Blair Road, the traffic modeling recommends keeping two southwest travel lanes to accommodate higher AM peak traffic volumes. To accommodate three travel lanes and protected bicycle lanes, approximately two-hundred feet of the concrete median must be removed. This proposed cross section is shown in figure 2 below:



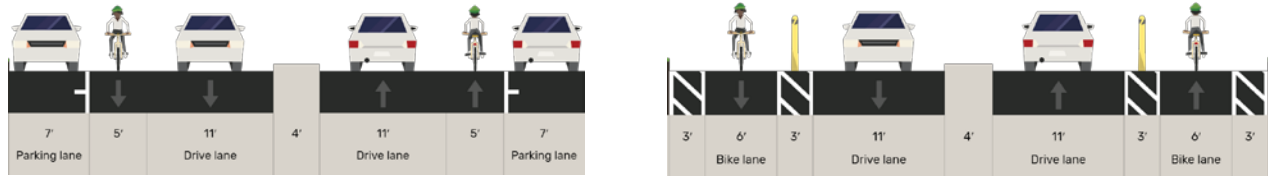
Similar protected bicycle lanes can be found on K Street NW, as shown below.



Protected Bike Lanes on the Unit Block of K Street NW

Section II: Kansas Avenue between Blair Road and Nicholson Street

Continuing in a southwesterly direction along Kansas Avenue there are existing unprotected bicycle lanes, one travel lane in each direction, and parking. Parking demand in this section (adjacent to Fort Slocum Park) is very low. We propose to eliminate the parking in this section to provide space for protected bicycle lanes. The existing and proposed cross sections are shown in figure 2 below.



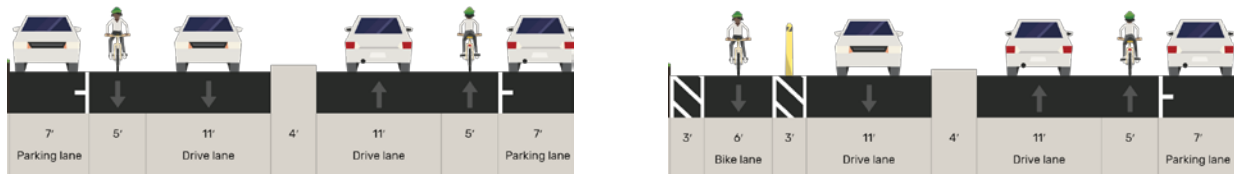
Existing Cross Section

Proposed Cross Section

Figure 2: Kansas Avenue, NW between Blair Road and Nicholson Street

Section III: Kansas Avenue between Nicholson Street and 2nd Street

In this section of Kansas Avenue there are adjacent homes on the southeast side. We do not propose eliminating the parking adjacent to these homes. The existing cross section of parking, unprotected bike lane, and travel lane would remain. On the north side of the road, adjacent to Fort Slocum Park, however, we do propose eliminating the parking to gain space for a protected bike lane. Again, demand for this parking is low and Madison Street has ample space available to accommodate users of the adjacent park shelter. The existing and proposed cross sections are shown below:



Existing Cross Section

Proposed Cross Section

Figure 3: Kansas Avenue, NW between Nicholson Street and 2nd Street

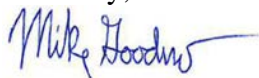
DDOT anticipates the following safety benefits with this project:

- An expanded biking / scooter route for people traveling along Kansas Avenue and a connection to the future Metropolitan Branch Trail.
- Slower vehicular speeds and improved compliance with traffic control devices.
- Comfortable bicycling facilities for people traveling in and through the corridor, including to the Friendship Ideal Campus and Lamond Recreation Center.
- Improved comfort and safety due to the reduction of potential conflicts.
- Reduction in motor vehicle trips due to faster and safer alternatives.

This proposed segment closes an otherwise 2-mile section of connected bicycle lanes and is an important part of DDOT's work to improve safety for all roadway users. The Kansas Avenue bicycle lanes connect the bike routes on 8th and 13th Streets and bicycle lanes on 5th Street (south of Grant Circle) and 7th Street. Bicycle lanes are also used by scooters and other personal mobility devices and found to reduce sidewalk riding.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than June 28, 2022, thirty (30) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 250 M Street SE, Washington, DC, 20003 or via email at mike.goodno@dc.gov. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI>. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-671-0681.

Sincerely,



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