

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



February 29, 2024

Commissioner Erin Palmer
Via email: 4B02@anc.dc.gov

NOI #24-48-TESD

Re: Removal of Parking Spaces and Installation of No Turn on Red Signs at Piney Branch Road NW and Aspen Street, NW

Dear Chairperson 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 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 modifications in your jurisdiction.

- **Removal of Parking Spaces and Installation of No Turn on Red Signs at Piney Branch Road NW and Aspen Street, NW**

DDOT is working to improve traffic safety at the intersection of Piney Branch Road NW and Aspen Street NW. As part of the proposed improvement, DDOT has made an independent determination to remove an additional 25 feet of parking space (a little over one legal parking space) from crosswalks on all four sides of Piney Branch Road NW and to install No Turn on Red Signs for all approaches.

The removal of parking space will improve sightlines for drivers turning at the intersection to see one another as well as other street users, enhance cyclist protection by relocating the bike lane to curbside and creating a wider buffer between cyclists and vehicle traffic near the intersection. In addition, the proposed hatched markings will effectively narrow the approach lanes. This will help influence drivers to slow down as they approach the intersection while also shortening the distance of the crosswalk that crosses the active travel lanes. The total of 50 ft of parking removal includes the DC Law of 25 ft of parking restrictions, however given sight lines and the skew of the street, the safety team recommends the additional space for better visibility.

The installation of No-Turn on Red Sign will prohibit traffic turning right on a red light from all approaches of the intersection and enhance pedestrian as well as driver and passenger safety. Currently, the intersection has no restriction for right turns on a red traffic light. Further, in January of 2025, DC Council has mandated that all signalized intersections will not allow right turns during a red light unless otherwise signed.

DDOT is issuing this NOI with a shortened 10-day public notice to avoid any further delay in implementing these important safety improvements and address existing safety concerns.

Figure 1 illustrates the proposed parking removal and No-Turn on Red as well as the other safety treatments identified for this intersection.

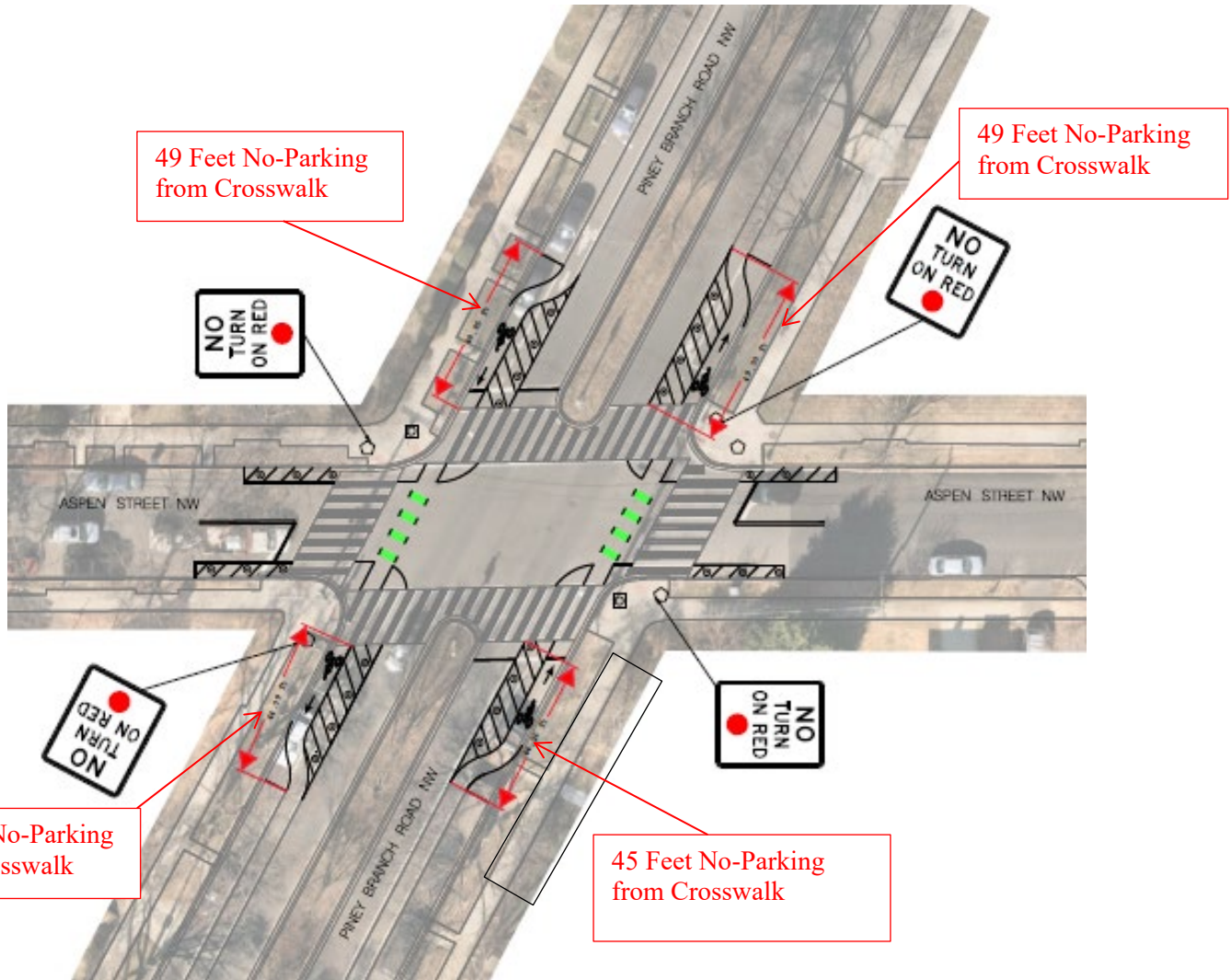


Figure 1 – Conceptual Safety improvements at Piney Branch Road NW and Aspen Street, NW

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by Friday, March 22, 2024 (ten business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Project Delivery Administration at 250 M Street, SE, 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 thirty 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: <http://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent>. If you have

trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,



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한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하신 경우 202-671-2700로 연락을 주시면 무료로 통역이 제공됩니다.

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이 안내문은 중요한 내용을 담고 있습니다. 한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하시거나 질문이 있으실 경우 202-671-2700 로 연락을 주십시오. 필요하신 경우, 고객 서비스 담당원에게 지원 받고자 하는 언어를 알려주시면, 무료로 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다. 감사합니다.

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重要通知

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