



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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June 18, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian  
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Dear Director, Marootian,

RE: Letter of Opposition to the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation's (DDOT) installation of a proposed new Eckington bikeshare at the corner of North Capital and R Streets, NE. *And Support of Alternate Location*

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (ANC5E), during its duly noted public meeting at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, voted to oppose the installation of a proposed new Eckington bikeshare at the corner of R Street, NE.

The proposed bikeshare will be stationed at the corner of the heaviest traveled street in Eckington, a corner where buses, trucks, Fedex, UPS, electric scooters, cyclists, Uber, Lyft, residential traffic, and cut through traffic from Florida and New York Avenue attempting to reach Lincoln Road or North Capitol Street as quickly as possible. Add to this, the same kind of traffic entering the community on the opposite side of the street, minus cut through traffic.

The proposed bikeshare will be stationed on the side of the street where traffic enters R Street. That said, anyone retrieving a bike from the bikeshare must somehow move to the opposite side of the street to merge with outgoing traffic crossing North Capitol Street to continue on R Street, NW.

While the sidewalk at the corner of R Street is wide enough for the new proposed bikeshare, a portion of the sidewalk will be shared by the future retail business that opens in the adjacent property at 1633 North Capitol Street, NE. Due to the absence of a backyard at this property, a portion of the large sidewalk will be occupied by the retailer's trash dumpster.

A safer, well-lit alternative bikeshare location is available. A DDOT space, vacant for the last two to three years, surrounded by cylindrical shaped bright yellow barriers, located one block from R Street between Quincy Place and Q Street, NE. DDOT measured that space in the presence of the elected representative of that Single Member District, Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney, and stated that the space was suitable for a 15 dock bikeshare.

Cyclists retrieving a bike from this proposed alternative bikeshare location could enter on to Quincy Place ahead of the traffic from Lincoln Road waiting at the stop light to turn right on Quincy Place. Cyclist could also enter on to Lincoln Road ahead of the traffic at the stop light

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waiting to continue on Lincoln Road. The space is visible to passers-by on four sides and, not surrounded by buildings, and well lighted at night by four street lights.

Thank you for giving this letter of opposition great weight in your decision on the best location for a proposed new Eckington bikeshare.

Sincerely,

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