

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting –December 11, 2017
Held at 1100 4th Street SW, Washington DC 20024
Andy Litsky, Chair

**As approved at the January 8, 2018 meeting*

The Commission convened at 7:05 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Gail Fast, Ron Collins, Meredith Fascett, Roger Moffatt, Rhonda Hamilton and Andy Litsky (chairing). Executive Director Shaun Carter was also in attendance. Commissioner Shockley was absent.

Approval of Agenda

CM Litsky moved to approve the agenda, and CM Fast seconded with the following revisions. Addition of 8e. Public Safety Issue of Transportation at the Wharf; 10j. DGS Letter of Support for Lease of additional space at L’Enfant Plaza; 10k. Request for 30-Day Hearing Extension for Air Quality Permit; and 10L. Change Use for Unity Health Clinic in SE. Deletion of 10f. Shake Shack sidewalk permit; and 10h. Repaving of 400 block of I Street SE. Passed 6-0-0.

Introduction of Commissioners

Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes

CM Fast moved to approve the November minutes and CM Moffatt seconded. Passed 6-0-0.

Meeting Announcements

- CM Litsky announced:
 - On December 12 at sundown will be the Menorah lighting at the Wharf.
 - On December 16, the Wharf will hold Nog Fest from 1-4 p.m.
 - On December 23 from 7-8 pm there will be caroling at the Wharf.
 - The Wharf is working on offering a SW night (free) at the skating rink.
- CM Litsky announced on Thursday, December 15 there is a Long Bridge Meeting from 4-7 pm at DCRA’s 2nd floor conference room.
- CM Collins announced that the next SW Library Community meeting will be held on December 14 at 7 pm at the SW Library.
- CM Hamilton announced the Waterfront Substation Advisory Meeting will be held on December 18 at 8 pm at the SW Library regarding the DC Superior Concrete Material Hearing.
- CM Fast congratulated CM Litsky on his Brickie Award for outstanding community service.
- Georgine Wallace announced that on Saturday, December 16 from 3-4:30 pm will be the 3rd Annual Secret Santa Book Shop at the SW Library. Georgine also announced the next PSA Meeting will be held on December 20 at 7 pm at Edgewater condominiums and will include a holiday celebration.
- Joel Paul announced SWNA’s Holiday event happening at Marsala Art on December 18 from 6-8 pm.
- Andrew Lightmann announced that through a \$500 donation from PN Hoffman there is now a Jr. League Ultimate Frisbee Team at Jefferson Middle School.

Public Safety Report

Captain Pulliam gave the 1D Safety Report and after questions from the Commissioners did not have a follow-up on the shooting on O Street SW however mentioned that just prior to the meeting a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle turning left south on to 4th Street. The pedestrian was in the cross walk and the driver was at fault. Pedestrian suffered a broken arm.

Races/Runs/Events

No races/runs or events on the agenda.

Presentations and Resolutions

8a. Soccer Stadium Streetscape Update: Cassidy Mullen, DGS, presented the next phase which will start on January 1 and includes re-opening Half Street SW between Potomac and 1st Street SW and shutting down 2nd Street SW. After some discussion and concerns by the Commissioners, DGS reiterated that they would re-look at Commission recommendations to ensure the impact to residents would not be magnified.

8b. Department of Forensic Science: Dr. Jenifer Smith, Director of the DC Dept of Forensic Science provided insight into the work being done at both the Public Health Laboratory and the Forensic Science Laboratory.

8c. DC Council Resolution on Wells Fargo: Bradley Herring and Jessie Manisto presented on the DC Reinvest Coalition, a group of 15-organizations seeking to convince the city council to move DC's public funds out of Wells Fargo and into options that will more reflect our values as DC citizens. Herring and Manisto was also asking 6D for a resolution on the City Council bill. ANC 6D welcomed hearing about DC Reinvest however stopped short of voting to support a resolution citing that the bill is already before the City Council and is theirs to decide.

8d. Quiet Clean DC: CM Fast moved, CM Fascett seconded to send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council for the enactment of bill (B22-0234) which would phase out the sale and operation of gas-powered leaf blowers in the District of Columbia after an adequate period for current owners and retailers of such equipment to amortize their inventories and transition to healthier and more environmentally-sustainable alternatives. Studies have proven that gas-powered leaf blowers generate noise levels that far exceed health and safety standards and contribute to serious environmental and public-health problems. Passed 5-0-1 (CM Collins abstained).

8e. Public Safety Issue at the Wharf: CM Fast presented a list of public safety issues/concerns received from constituents regarding the intersections of 9th and Maine Ave SW and 7th and Maine Ave SW. After discussion by the Commission, it was determined that these issues should be brought before the Transportation Strikeforce that is convened by Councilman Allen and will be meeting in the next few weeks. The Strikeforce meetings include DDOT, DPW, the Wharf and the Mayor's office so provides an opportunity to discuss solutions.

Alcoholic Beverages (ABC Committee Chair Coralie Farlee)

No report. Requin and Officina's requests tabled.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

10a. The Bard: CM Fast moved, CM Litsky seconded to oppose the set down for ZC 17-21 based on its inconsistency with the DC Comp Plan and SW Small Area Plan; the Land Use designation of the property which is institutional and zoned as R-3 of which any change would require DC Council vote and a public hearing; plat plans show that the Annex building may be on DCPS land; and that a CBA that was finalized in 2014 between the Shakespeare Theatre Company and SWNA has not produced any of the community benefits SW residents were promised. Thirteen residents testified requesting the ANC oppose the set down. Passed 6-0-0.

10b. 950 S. Capital Street SW: CM Fascett tabled the presentation until the January meeting.

10c. ZC 16-06A 1900 Half Street SE: CM Hamilton seconded to rescind the ANC vote on November 13, 2017 and affirm its vote of September 23, 2017 relating to the Application of Modification of Significance provided the Applicant stand by its commitment to provide 10 units of affordable housing set aside for 10-years at 60% AMI; build a 3,200 sq ft dog park on the property; continue to work with the ANC to establish an appropriate construction plan; and add back the ground floor's original retail square footage. Passed 5-0-1 (CM Fascett abstained).

10d. Southwest Community Library Renovation Project: CM Collins moved, CM Litsky seconded to support the Adjustment for Special Exception Relief. Passed 3-0-2 (CMs Fast and Hamilton abstained).

10e. Long Bridge Project Comments: CM Fascett moved, CM Litsky seconded to send a letter to urge DDOT to incorporate specific data requests regarding CSX, Amtrak and VRE trains into the Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Bridge project. Passed 6-0-0.

10g. PS 10467240: CM Fast moved, CM Litsky seconded to oppose the Intercity Bus Permit for curb parking lane on 400 block of 7th Street SW and provide an alternative parking lane on D Street SW. Passed 6-0-0.

10i. Traffic Control Plan – 1000 1st Street SE: CM Fascett moved, CM Fast seconded to send a letter of support for the traffic control plan for 1000 1st Street SE. Passed 5-0-1 (CM Collins abstained).

10j. Amendment to Existing Lease – 955 L'Enfant Plaza: CM Fast moved, CM Litsky seconded to send a letter of support for the amendment to the existing lease and the expansion of space for the DC Department of Health Care Finance at 955 L'Enfant Plaza. Passed 6-0-0.

10k. Request for 30-Day Hearing Extension for Air Quality Permit – Superior Concrete Material, Inc: CM Hamilton moved, CM Litsky seconded to send a letter to the Department of Energy and Environment to request an 30-day extension of the comment period for the above permit. Passed 6-0-0.

10L."Change Use" for Unity Health Care clinic at the Joy Evans location: CM Fascett moved, CM Litsky seconded to send a letter of support for the change of use of the Joy Evans community center for the Unity Health Care clinic's temporary location. Passed 6-0-0.

Administrative Matters

President's Report: CM Litsky reported that the Zoning Commission approved the Wharf Phase II development plan.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Community Concerns: Gene Solon provided a written report regarding pavement at the Wharf, lack of water feature at Waterfront Park; over extension of Wharf project piers; and encouragement of residents to get flu shots.

The commission adjourned at approximately 10:34 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gail Fast

Attested by: _____





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VIA E-MAIL: zcsubmissions@dc.gov

RE: ZC 16-06A, 1900 Half Street SW, Sq 666, Lot 15, CG/W-2 Zoning, Jemal's Lazriv Water, LLC, Douglas Development

Dear Chairman Hood & Distinguished Members of the DC Zoning Commission:

Note that ANC 6D submitted a Report dated September 23, 2017 (Exhibit 7) in support of requested modification to application including changes to façade and penthouses as well as a reduction of number of units from 427 to 415. ANC 6D Commissioners did not have the architectural drawings that were submitted 10/13/2017 (Exhibits 8A1 & 8A2), nor were we told until the latter part of October that this modification would include a major reduction in an already deficient amount of space devoted to retail.

Consequently, the reduction in retail demanded that a second vote be taken to address that loss. That vote is shown directly below. Additionally, further below is the final vote taken by ANC 6D to clarify its position and to serve as update to the ANC Report of September 23, 2017.

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At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public business meeting on November 13, 2017, with a quorum being present (a quorum being 4), Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-1 to withhold support of the proposed Application for a Modification of Significance to Plans Approved under the Capitol Gateway Design Review Provisions in Z.C. Case No. 16-06A, 1900 Half Street, SW (Square 666, Lot 15) based on the following:

1. Poor design because of the major reduction of space devoted to retail.
2. The requests to allow a 10% reduction or addition to residential units and parking spaces without further approval by any Commission

Relating to the Application for a Modification of Significance to Plans Approved under the Capitol Gateway Design Review Provisions in Z.C. Case No. 16-06A, 1900 Half Street, SW (Square 666, Lot 15), at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public business meeting on December 11, 2017, with a quorum being present (a quorum being 4), Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-1 to rescind its vote of November 13, 2017, and affirm its vote of September 11, 2017, provided the applicant meets the following conditions:

The Applicant stands by its previous commitment to provide the following: (i) 10 units of affordable housing in the building, set aside for 10 years to households earning up to 60% of the area median income; (ii) a 3,200-square-foot dog park on the property to the north of the building; (iii) continues to work with ANC 6D to establish an appropriate construction management plan as the project moves forward; and (iv) adds back to the building's ground floor, the originally planned space devoted to retail.

The ANC believes that the proposed design inappropriately uses space on ground floor for tenant amenities that do not activate the streets or provide services/goods, thereby not meeting criteria of the Capitol Gateway Overlay, §1600.2, nor the Buzzard Point Vision Framework + Design Review Guidelines.

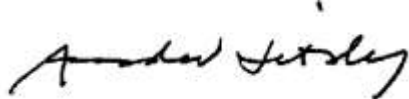
Criteria of the Capitol Gateway Overlay, §1600.2, Item (b) states that the purposes of the CG Overlay District are to: Encourage a variety of support and visitor-related uses, such as retail, service, entertainment, cultural and hotel or inn uses. With 16,542 sf of retail in a total development of 468,647 sf, a mere 3.5% is slated for retail with nearly a third of that being in the basement (P1).

The Buzzard Point Vision Framework + Design Review Guidelines as recently released by DC Office of Planning (OP) set up a guideline of .4 FAR devoted to ground floor retail in Buzzard Point development. At 16542 sf, retail constitutes .21 FAR. In addition, residential amenities will not serve to activate the area on Water, Half, and T Streets. Further, it will not provide much needed services and goods of various kinds for Buzzard Point, and it sets a bad precedent for those who follow.

We believe that the request for a 10% adjustment to residential units or parking spaces is a procedural matter that justifies review by the Zoning Commission, however we leave that matter to the discretion of the DC Zoning Commission.

As evidenced by our previous votes on this matter, we are impressed with much of this project, but we believe that ensuring availability of adequate goods & services for Buzzard Point residents and visitors is paramount; consequently, we cannot fully support this proposed design with such a dearth of retail space.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
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January 7, 2018

DGS
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Attn: Mattie Rogers, Realty Specialist
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RE: Support for the Amendment to the Existing Lease at 955 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

Dear Realty Specialist,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 11, 2017 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to support DGS's intention to acquire a leasehold interest in the real property at 955 L'Enfant Plaza which includes the expansion of the space (additional 30,000 sq.ft) for a term of five (5) years, two (2) months.

Please feel free to contact me or Shaun Carter, Executive Director, for ANC 6D if you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

Andy Litsky
Chair, ANC-6D
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RE: Application of DC Public Library (DCPL) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for Special Exception Relief – Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place, SW, Square 542, Lot 87

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board:

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At a public meeting on December 11, 2017, ANC 6D voted 3-0-2 to support the BZA application of DCPL for certain special exception relief as detailed below. The ANC welcomes the new library building to our community.

The specific relief sought is as follows:

Section C-1603.8 Lot occupancy – the project as planned exceeds the 40% lot occupancy limit. The additional lot occupancy will be very helpful in achieving the proposed program. There will be no adverse impacts as a result of the slightly increased lot occupancy. The site will still contain ample open space and is buffered from surrounding uses by its three street frontages.

Section C-703 Parking – the new library is required to contain nine parking spaces and the plans contain seven. For that reason, BZA relief is required. Based on a survey of 248 patrons of the Southwest Library, 91.9% walk to the site. The survey supports DCPL's actual observations. For that reason, the deficiency of two parking spaces will not have any adverse impacts.

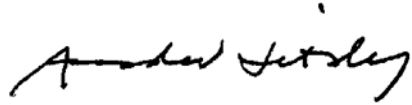
Section C-1609.1 – the pervious surface requirement for most buildings in the R-3 zone is 20%. However, there is a higher requirement of 30% for public libraries. The proposed library will predominately contain solar panels rather than a green roof. As a result, it will be difficult to achieve the 30% pervious

surface minimum. The ANC does not anticipate any adverse impacts as a result of this relief.

The ANC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this application.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Andy Litsky
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RE: Request for a 30-Day Hearing Extension for Air Quality Permit 7188 Application for Superior Concrete Material, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Ours:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 11, 2017 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to request a 30-day hearing extension for Air Quality Permit Application 7188 for Superior Concrete Material, Inc.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D requests that the comment period for the above reference permit be extended for a period of 30 days. The Commission does not feel that the community and the commission has had an adequate amount of time to provide feedback and understand the request by Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. for their relocation.

The community has also been informed on several occasions over the past year by the Department of Energy and Environment that the cement plant operations that includes the Superior Concrete would be shut down within a year. Our Commission needs to have a clear understanding of this permit process along with a detailed explanation of the health implications for the community written in terms that they can understand.

Additionally, since the identified or desired relocation would be up the street from where the plant is currently operating, ANC-6D would also like a status update on what the cement operator has done and intends to do to clean up its act in terms of its operations. It is the understanding of this Commission that Superior Concrete Material, Inc. has had numerous health and safety violations resulting in legal actions being taken against the plant by the District of Columbia. ANC-6D requests a 30 day extension of the comment period.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Councilmember Charles Allen



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Resolution in Support of the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2017

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Whereas, the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers generates noise levels that far exceed health and safety standards and have been shown to contribute to serious environmental and public - health problems, including emissions of pollutants into the environment that greatly exceed levels produced by automobiles; and

Whereas, studies document that among the populations most seriously threatened by the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers are those operating the equipment themselves, as well as those in near proximity to such operation, especially children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions and;

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Whereas, the noise from leaf blowers can potentially damage a person's hearing, and produce health concerns such as heart disease, hypertension, and an increased risk of heart attack; and

Whereas, the wind force from the leaf blowers disturbs topsoil and other materials lying below the leaf layer dispersing spores, fungi, pollen, and chemical residue from insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides and fungicides as well as other potential allergens and particles of animal feces into the air; and

Whereas, cleaner and quieter cordless battery-powered leaf blowers are increasingly available and are being used already by some landscaping companies and homeowners with effective results and at a competitive price; and

Whereas, a bill (B22-0234) has been introduced in the D.C. City Council by Council Member Mary Cheh, co-sponsored by Council Members Anita Bonds, David Grasso, Kenyan McDuffie, and Charles Allen, to phase out the sale and operation of gas-powered leaf blowers in the District of Columbia after an adequate period for current owners and retailers of such equipment to amortize their inventories and transition to healthier and more environmentally-sustainable alternatives; and

Therefore, at a duly noticed meeting of ANC 6-D, held on December 11, 2017, at which a quorum was present (a quorum being four Commissioners), and by a vote of 5-0-1, ANC-6D adds its name to endorse the enactment of B22-0234; and urges the City Council to enact B22-0234, and Mayor Muriel Bowser to sign the legislation as enacted, at the earliest practicable time.

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RE: Proposed Air Quality Permit 7188, Superior Concrete Material, Inc., Construction and operation of a ready mix portable concrete batch plant, 1721 South Capitol Street, SW

Good evening,

My Name is Rhonda Hamilton. I am an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 6D. This evening I will be testifying on behalf of ANC 6D. Also, I represent the near Buzzard Point residential community which is Single Member District (SMD) 6D06. This is the area that is affected and would be affected by the Superior Concrete plant's operations. Residents in SMD 6D06 have been negatively impacted by this plant's operation as it relates to their health and daily quality of life.

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ANC 6D has multiple concerns as it relates to this air permit application. First of all, what does this development say about the future of our neighborhood, and second, whether the D.C. Government has properly evaluated the air emissions from the plant and provided for controlling them.

The Future of the Neighborhood

For years we have been told that the D.C. plan for our neighborhood called for replacing industrial facilities with more upscale commercial establishments, thus creating a mixed use walkable neighborhood. As part of this plan, Buzzard Point Community Health and Safety Study (CHASS) said that the concrete plant would be relocated out of Buzzard Point after 2018. Before then, the report said, it would be "expected to remain in operation in its current location." Now, however, we see a permit that would allow the plant to stay in Buzzard's Point until 2022, although not quite as its current location.

How is this consistent with the more general plans for our neighborhood? And, who decided to authorize something that certainly appears so inconsistent with them?

Air Pollution

The D.C. government is not supposed to permit any plant no matter how small that will violate the air quality standards or otherwise cause damaging air pollution. The draft permit itself forbids any emission "injurious to public health or welfare" or which would interfere with "the reasonable enjoyment of life or property. There is no doubt that the cement plant is and will be a significant source of air pollution. Air quality around the

current plant has been monitored for several years. The results suggest that the current plant is violating air quality standards. Yet neither the draft permit nor the technical support document evaluates the information or explains whether or why the new location will be any different. We think such an evaluation is essential to any sound decision on the permit. Beyond that, the permitting documents on their face raise doubts whether pollution will be controlled.

The draft permit would limit particulate emissions from the plant to so much per hour and so much per cubic foot of exhaust. But what is the reason to believe that these limits would be met? The permit does not contain any mechanism for monitoring compliance with these limits from day to day. It does allow the D.C. government if it wants to conduct a one-time stack test of compliance, but that will very likely never happen and is no substitute for real time monitoring.

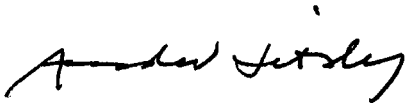
The dust control plan for the source expects that so much dust will fall on the streets directly around the plant that they will have to be swept every two to four hours. But what about streets far away? And what about the dust that falls on people's yards or cars or blows in their windows or the dust that residents ingest in their lungs from the particulate matter the plant releases? And what will be done about the damage that it causes?

Also, what permit is the plant currently operating under and is that permit valid and or up-to date? If not, why is this the case? Also, what is a portable plant and how is it any different from a fixed plant if it looks and operates the same?

We believe that the D.C. Government will need to provide some answers to these questions and hold a new hearing before it can make any decision on this permit.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Transmitted via email

RE: Data Collection for the Long Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 11, 2017 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 for the motion to urge DDOT to incorporate specific data requests regarding CSX, Amtrak, and VRE trains into the Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Bridge Project.

ANC 6D believes that it vitally important that DDOT have a detailed understanding of the rail traffic transiting Long Bridge into and out of the District. DDOT should have a detailed data set on the speed, weight, length, and duration of the rail traffic. DDOT should also have data on the vibrations generated by the rail traffic in order to assess the impact of the rail traffic on rail infrastructure and adjacent properties.

The ANC believes that is essential that DDOT incorporate plans for detailed data collection in the Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Bridge project so that DDOT has the data necessary for technical evaluations. Without such requirements, the ANC expects that the train operators will not share with data with DDOT. For example, during the on-going CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel (“VAT”) project, despite specific requests from DDOT, CSX has refused to collect and/or share detailed vibrations data and speed data on CSX trains transiting the Virginia Avenue Tunnel. This data would be very helpful in informing DDOT’s technical evaluations of the impact of the increased rail traffic in the new Virginia Avenue tunnels.

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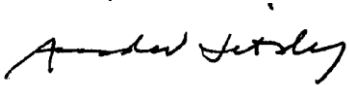
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Thus, the ANC formally requests that DDOT require that the following data/information be collected and made available for each CSX, Amtrak, and VRE train using the Long Bridge during a defined data collection period: 1) Time of passage; 2) Speed of passage; 3) Length of train; and 4) Weight. Each data collection period will be at least 72 hours in duration; and there will be a minimum of three data collection periods spread out over 3 months in order to fully characterize train traffic in the corridor. The ANC also urges DDOT to require vibrations monitoring during those same periods to determine the vibrations generated by the locomotive and rail car pass-bys and that the data be provided in full detail (not just averages) to DDOT.

Further, if the train traffic in the corridor changes materially during the project period, e.g. there is increase in the number of trains transiting the bridge or rail traffic is diverted to a new bridge structure, an additional round of data collection, subject to the aforementioned parameters, should be required.

The ANC appreciates DDOT's action on this important matter. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Litsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot above the 'y'.

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