

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



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Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D  
Via Email: [6D02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6D02@anc.dc.gov)

RE: 2025 TOPP Requests

Dear Chairperson Simon,

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of ANC 6D regarding DDOT's 2025 TOPP (Traffic Operations and Parking Plan) for Nationals Park and Audi Field. Below, we have outlined our official responses to the stated requests and recommendations.

- **The plan should consistently include The Wharf for both routine and special events, and reflect traffic management for all three venues, particularly when all three are hosting events concurrently.**

DDOT's Traffic Operations and Parking Plan (TOPP) is specifically designed to focus on large crowd/traffic management within a specific time of the day. Nationals Park, Audi Field and Capital One Arena are good examples of such venues that create unusually large crowd/traffic within a specific short period of time of the day. This allows multiple agencies in DC Government to deploy city services and resources to ensure traffic safety, public safety and roadway clearance for the limited time of the day only. For example, all of these venue's TOPPs include street closures and traffic restrictions to manage ingress and egress for events. Based on this consideration, the Wharf is not applicable to such restrictions.

**Traffic Control Officer (TCO):** DDOT has provided Traffic Control Officers (TCOs) for special events at the Wharf. DDOT's TCOs supported 106 events (101 Anthem events and 5 Wharf events) in 2024. DDOT has limited resources that cover large arenas presented earlier. If the Wharf is looking to continue the special event support and/or expand the TCO requests to its routine events, the existing requesting process can be used. Staff will be provided based on available resources and funds from the request to cover staff overtime.

**Signal Timing Change:** Currently the Wharf area is included in the broader impacted area of the TOPP, where DDOT fully implement signal timing plan for pre-/post-events. The goal is to provide additional green time for vehicles for each cycle on major roads, such as Maine Ave SW.

In addition, DDOT monitors the traffic through the CCTVs located along the Maine Ave and M St SW to adjust signal timing as necessary.

**Traffic Data Analysis:** At the TOPP public meeting on February 20, 2025, traffic impact data analysis was shared to show that vehicular travel time along Maine Ave SW near the Wharf is not significantly impacted by stadium traffic. The analysis data can be found in the attached public meeting slide deck (slides 34-38). Based on public feedback, there might be issues related to illegal parking/standing that can impact the traffic flow in the Wharf area, rather than directly from the stadium event(s).

**Next Step:** To observe the issue first-hand, DDOT plans to conduct a joint site visit with MPD, DPW and DFHV to observe the Maine Ave SW. The site visit is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, when all three venues (the Wharf, Audi Field, and Nationals Park) have a scheduled event. DDOT will provide an update to ANC 6D after the site visit.

- **The focus should better reflect the impact on residents (including rules for and distribution of placards, and bus service to and through Buzzard Point to ensure unimpeded access to their homes before, during and after events.**

**Resident Access Placard (RAP):** Based on ANC 6D's feedback, DDOT has improved the RAP distribution process by partnering directly with the building management. DDOT delivered RAPs to each building on March 26, 2025. Residents living on the restricted streets can acquire their RAP from their building management.

**Bus Service:** DDOT has shared community feedback on the former bus 74, and WMATA is working to bring back the bus operations to Buzzard Point on game days. WMATA is in the process of finalizing their [Better Bus Network Redesign \(BBNR\)](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/) plan with a goal of implementing on June 29, 2025. The final plan will be available on WMATA's website: <https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/>

- **Beyond general encouragement to use public transportation, the plan should include specific protocols for parking enforcement, better management of scooter and bike parking, and realistic accounting of available garage space, to better restrict the use of private vehicles, particularly in Buzzard Point.**

Thank you for your comments and recommendations. The TOPP 2025 will include the following information:

- An improved parking restriction map for effective enforcement, clearly indicating "Resident Only" parking areas and game day restricted parking zone;
- An improved walking map from various metro stations to provide more options to the visitors, other than Navy Yard metro station;
- An improved scooter and bike parking map, indicating where to park and where not to park; and
- An improved off-street parking garage and parking lot map with available capacity information

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Jeong-Olson at [kelly.jeong-olson1@dc.gov](mailto:kelly.jeong-olson1@dc.gov).

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