

Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Director Marootian,

We are writing to you as parents and caregivers whose children attend DC schools including Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan, J.O. Wilson, Ludlow Taylor, Two Rivers, Mundo Verde, Maury, Peabody, and Wilson High School because too many of the streets our kids walk and ride on are unsafe. This was all too evident with the tragic death of Malik Habib on 3rd and H Street, NE in June 2018.

We are writing to urge more safety measures for us and our children as we ride our bicycles to and from school and in and around our neighborhoods. Specifically, we are writing today to support a protected bicycle lane connecting NE and NW on K St NE. K Street is the only east-west connection that crosses North Capitol Street and is a very important through-route for us, allowing us to connect to bike lanes on 4th and 6th Streets, NE and the Metropolitan Branch Trail to get between school, home, and work. We believe that the K Street NE road diet with an included bicycle lane will help accomplish important goals to provide safe passage for families between NE and NW, reduce vehicle speeds, encourage walking and bicycling, and improve quality of life for our neighborhood.

For safety reasons, it is critical that this project is intuitive for children to ride on, protected from aggressive driver behavior and car doors, and connected to a network of bicycle lanes that will allow our families to access future bicycle infrastructure on Maryland Avenue and Bladensburg Rd, so that our families can access everything from the green space at the National Arboretum to educational events at the Convention Center in Chinatown. After school and on weekends, we currently are unable to ride our bicycles with our kids from our neighborhoods in Trinidad, H St NE and Hill East to Chinatown and Shaw to the West or the Arboretum to the North/East.

As parents, we want our kids to be safe, we want the kids at our school to have fewer asthma attacks, and we want faster action on the climate crisis. We, the undersigned, urge you to move forward with the "road diet" project and add a protected bicycle lane on K St NE all the way to the Starburst to the East and Chinatown to the West. We want our kids to be protected by the decisions made by our city government, not further endangered.

Signed,

CC:

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1212 Wylie St NE, Ward 6
Parents at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Heather Whitlow
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan
"I commute by bike almost daily from school to downtown via K St. This is a well-traveled but dicey route for cyclists. Continuous, protected bike lanes would make such a difference!"

Frank Nickerson
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Nicole F Mogul
1325 E ST NE
Parent at Washington Latin

Todd Hettenbach
628 D ST, NE
Parent at Ludlow-Taylor & Washington Latin

Milesanna White
1114 F Street, NE
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Sandra Moscoso
109 13th St. SE
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Beth Abdella
238 G st NE, ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Jolie Schwarz
1424 Montello Ave NE, Ward 5
Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan, PTSO
President

Brian Kernek
701 3rd St NE
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Mark Davenport
Ward 6
Parent at Maury Elementary
"I commute K Street daily on my bike to get back to the hill from downtown. A protected bike lane would be an excellent idea here."

Matthew Bruckner
Ward 4
Parent at Powell Elementary

Stephen O'Neal
412 G St NE
Parent at Ludlow Taylor Elementary School

Amber Gove
ANC6A04
Parent, Advisory Commissioner

Jon Renaut
3322 New Hampshire Ave NW, Ward 1
Parent at Mundo Verde PCS

Michael Madowitz
335 K St NE
Parent at J.O. Wilson
"Some of us live along the route and have been asking to sacrifice our parking for safer bike & walking infrastructure for years."

Redding Cates
Ward 6
Parent at Two Rivers PCS

Jamie Evans
Ward 4
Parent and bike rider

Christopher Mrstik
Ward 5
Parent at Two Rivers PCS (4th Street ES)

Peter Krupa
Ward 5
Parent at John Eaton Elementary

Miriam Goldstein
Ward 4/Petworth
Raymond EC

Eric Wolff
Ward 4
Parent at Raymond Elementary

Andrew Turner
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Purvee Kempf
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan
and Washington Latin

Robert Ryan
Ward 6
Parent

Jonathan Mark White
1408 E St. SE, Ward 6
Parent at Peabody Elementary

Katherine White
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Cluster

Martyn A Oliver
831 Allison St NW
DC Bilingual, Co-Chair Bicycle sub-
committee

Laura Fuchs
Ward 5
HD Woodson Teacher
“[There is also a] lack of effort in bike
infrastructure being made East of the River in
Wards 7 and 8. While I do not personally have
specific demands in this regard, it is something I
hear about often.”

Kevin Wheeler
Ward 6
Parent at Ludlow Taylor

Michael Gilles
400 M St NE
Parent at Two Rivers PCS - 4th Street

Regina Arlotto
123 Kentucky Ave., SE
Parent at Wilson HS

Scott Fulton
1424 Orren St NE
Parent at Two Rivers PCS Young Campus

Laura Casperson
Trinidad, Ward 5
Parent at Two Rivers PCS Young Campus

Jacob Mason ANC 4C
Parent of toddler at Estrellitas Montessori
School

Sarah Dachos
Ward 6
Parent of a 3 year old.
“Our entire family rides our bicycles in the
neighborhood”

Alice Gouvernayre
518 14TH STREET NE
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Jennifer Thomas
418 K Street NE
Parent at J.O. Wilson

Benjamin W Zimmerman
644 Orleans Place, NE
Parent at J.O. Wilson

Thomas DeLuca
612 12th St NE
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Elizabeth Stevenson
608 E St NE
Parent at Basis Ed DC
“My child rides a bike from the Hill to Basis Ed in
Penn Quarter.”

Anna Laitin
628 D St NE
Parent at Ludlow Taylor

David Stevenson
Ward 6
Parent at School Within School @ Goding

Effie Kapsalis
Ward 6
Parent at Ludlow Taylor

Jessica Sutter
13th St NE (Ward 6)
Ward 6 Member, DC State Board of
Education (& cyclist)

Ivy Ken
Ward 6
Parent at Tyler Elementary and Stuart-
Hobson Middle School

Kate Zyla
4th St NE
Parent at Ludlow Taylor

Satu Haase-Webb
Ward 6
Parent at Maury Elementary
"Not just these schools benefit but the general
public that commutes to and from downtown on
bike shares and personal bikes would benefit;
we avoid riding on H Street with our bikes
because it is too dangerous."

Kenyon Weaver
1320 North Carolina Avenue NE
Parent at Maury Elementary
"I bicycle all the time in this area with my
children; we need safe bicycle lanes!"

Robert McKeon
321 7th St NE (Ward 6)
Parent of cycling child

Danica Petrosius
Ward 6
Parent at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan

Nadia Asanchev
Ward 6
Parent at School Within School @ Goding

Anne L Corbett
Ward 6
Parent at Ludlow Taylor Elementary

Caryn Ernst
Ward 6
Parent at Stuart Hobson