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RESOLUTION REQUEST A COMPREHENSIVE DDOT STUDY OF CURRENT CONNECTICUT AVENUE TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND POTENTIAL CHANGES

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WHEREAS, the most recent comprehensive study of Connecticut Avenue traffic and safety issues, the Connecticut Avenue Transportation Study, was released 15 years ago, in 2003; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F's continued development and increasing density since 2003, particularly along the Van Ness corridor, has raised concerns related to pedestrian safety, business interests, and other "quality of life" issues that cannot be appropriately addressed by relying on a 15-year-old study; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F's Streets & Sidewalks Committee and community groups such as Van Ness Main Street have previously called on the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to conduct research and analysis of changes that could be made to Connecticut Avenue, including the elimination of reversible lanes during rush hour; and

WHEREAS, there has been no comprehensive study ever conducted of the Connecticut Avenue reversible lanes that takes into account the multiple community interests involved; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F's Streets & Sidewalks Committee has previously met with representatives from ANC 3C and ANC 3/4 G to discuss these issues and comprehensively address the stretch of Connecticut Avenue from that extends from Woodley Park to Chevy Chase; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F's Streets & Sidewalks Committee unanimously passed a resolution "Recommending ANC 3F Request a Comprehensive Study of Current Connecticut Avenue Traffic Patterns and Potential Changes" and established a subcommittee with the purpose of providing support for and assistance with the proposed study following its March 2018 meeting by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed (9-0).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F requests that DDOT conduct a comprehensive study of current Connecticut Avenue traffic patterns that broadly evaluates the potential consequences of any potential changes in policy and also considers a wide range of potential improvements or changes that could be made, including but not limited to changes to the rush hour reversible lanes policy, establishing dedicated bicycle lanes, and establishing other dedicated lane options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study should include research and analysis of pedestrian and other non-vehicle use and traffic patterns along Connecticut Avenue in the sections affected by the reversible lanes, including a specific focus on the Van Ness corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that overall goals of the study should be to enhance pedestrian safety, walkability, and overall economic vitality of the affected neighborhoods, and make improvements to traffic management on Connecticut Avenue and surrounding streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study should include research and analysis from other city agencies such as the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) regarding the environmental impact of any recommended improvements or changes that could be made to Connecticut Avenue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as DDOT considers the scope of its study it consult with all applicable interested community groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Pat Jakopchek, Bill Sittig and David Dickinson are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F on this matter.

ANC 3F PASSED this resolution at its meeting on March 20, 2018, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Patrick Jakopchek Chair, ANC 3F