

SaveConnecticutAve.org Fact Sheet

Background: DDOT and The Mayor's bike lane project eliminates all curbside parking spaces and reduces vehicular traffic on Conn. Ave. to 2 lanes in each direction. Barrier protected bike lanes and buffer zones will be on each side of Conn. Avenue.

We support additional bike lane infrastructure but **NOT** on Conn. Ave. for these reasons:

- DDOT projects that over 7000 cars and trucks will be diverted onto residential side streets (especially Reno Rd., Wisconsin, Western & Massachusetts Avenues).
- DDOT's plan states "4 to 5 intersections (on Conn. Ave) will have congestion issues that would need to resolve itself through additional modal shifts or behavioral changes such as telework". Congestion issues don't resolve themselves.
- **Emergency response times (fire, police, ambulances) will increase due to traffic and gridlock. Delays could result in the loss of life.**
- DDOT's plan eliminates over 450 parking spaces. Parking spaces will be limited to one side of the street. From Nebraska Avenue to Legation St. there will be no parking on either side of the street.
- Pick up and drop off locations (PUDO's) are few and far between. It is unrealistic to think that delivery vehicles, taxi's/Lyft/Uber and moving vans will load and unload on only one side of the street, hundreds of feet away from their clients.
- The overwhelming majority of businesses on Conn. Ave. oppose these bike lanes. Commercial establishments have told DDOT that without parking, they will go out of business. DDOT has ignored them.
- Buses will stop in one of the 2 lanes of vehicular traffic. Bus passengers will enter from, and exit into, the bike lanes creating dangerous interactions with speeding cyclists. Bus service will become even less reliable due to traffic and gridlock.
- DDOT says they will address ADA issues and Seniors access to businesses. They say they will work with The Smithsonian Zoo to resolve bus and passenger unloading and loading on Conn. Ave. These are major problems that can't be resolved.
- Safe bike access to downtown is available via Rock Creek Park and The Capitol Crescent Trail. There are also sharrows and bike lanes on Reno. Road.
- **Please go to SaveConnecticutAve.org** to sign our petition and sign up to stay informed. Email, or call the Mayor and The City Council to voice your opposition.

In summary, DDOT's plan is seriously flawed. A small portion of the population will be served at the cost of permanent disruption to our residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors. DDOT's "build it and they will come" assumption is not justification for bike lanes on already congested Connecticut Ave.