

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



January 20, 2026

Transmitted by email

Ms. Sharon Kershbaum  
Director  
District Department of Transportation  
250 M Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: ANC 3A Resolution Regarding Traffic Safety on 34th Street/Reno Road NW

Dear Director Kershbaum:

Safety and particularly pedestrian safety have been top priorities for ANC 3A, as you probably know. As another year of Budget and Performance Oversight hearings approach in the Council, we are once again being asked by constituents and other ANCs how we can get the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to respond to the critical traffic safety issues affecting our area.

Our ANC came into existence in 2023, created out of portions of ANC 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, and 3F from Tenley Circle to Fulton Street NW, between Reno Road and Nebraska Avenue. Though our Commission was not part of discussions of transportation matters affecting the area prior to that time, we share many current issues and concerns. That includes 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Reno Road. Most ANC 3A residents use that corridor as pedestrians, vehicle passengers, or drivers, so conditions there affect all of us, whether walking or using bicycles or motor vehicles. We join our neighboring ANCs in requesting that DDOT respond to long-standing safety concerns along the 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Reno Road corridor, including intersections at Rodman, Porter, Ordway, and Newark Streets.

These concerns have become even more urgent following a recent incident reported by a neighborhood parent. In that case, a 13-year-old child was struck by a vehicle while legally crossing Reno Road at Porter Street with time remaining on the pedestrian signal. The driver, who was reportedly distracted and turning right on red, did not stop to check on the child and left the scene. Several weeks before that, another child in a marked crosswalk at Ordway Street and Reno Road was struck by a distracted driver. Both children avoided serious injury, but these incidents underline the dangerous conditions on Reno Road.

Problems identified by residents and neighborhood groups include traffic exceeding the speed limit, turning conflicts, signal timing issues, and distracted driving along Reno Road. Parents and others have asked for changes to improve safety, including lighted crosswalks, adjustments to traffic signals, and restrictions on right turns on red. Other ANCs have raised these issues to DDOT on multiple occasions:

- On October 23, 2023, ANC 3C approved a letter to DDOT requesting traffic calming and safety improvements on Reno Road and 34th Street NW. That letter asked DDOT to conduct updated traffic counts, review intersection design, and consider physical safety measures including bulb-outs, speed controls, and pedestrian-visibility improvements. ANC 3C has not yet received a formal response.

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- In March 2024, ANC 3E adopted a resolution supporting ANC 3C's request and extending those concerns further north and south along the Reno Road corridor.
- In September 2025, ANC 3F approved a direct expenditure for pedestrian safety flags to post at the intersection of Reno Road and Warren Street NW, recognizing the risks pedestrians face along this corridor.

We would like to add our support to the request that DDOT respond in writing to the ANCs' concerns and requests on 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Reno Road, including:

1. The status of DDOT's review of ANC 3C's request dated October 23, 2023
2. Any traffic studies, crash data, or safety analyses DDOT has conducted on 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Reno Road since then
3. Planned or potential interventions, including changes in traffic signals, right-turn-on-red restrictions, crosswalk upgrades, traffic calming, or other Vision Zero measures
4. A timeline for implementation of plans for improvements or other next steps

We urge DDOT to treat the 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Reno Road corridor as a priority for pedestrian safety, as part of DDOT's Vision Zero initiative.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis  
Chair

The Commission approved this resolution by a vote of 5-0 at its duly-noticed public meeting on January 20, 2026, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) By the same vote, the Commission designated the Chair or his designee to represent the ANC on this matter.

cc. Councilmember Matt Frumin, Ward 3  
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6  
Mayor Muriel E. Bowser  
Kendall Gibson, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)  
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