Resolution calling on the District Government to Survey And Fix Every (SAFE) Sidewalk

Sponsor: Commissioner Kapur

Whereas, federal law (23 C.F.R § 490) requires state departments of transportation and municipal planning organizations to assess pavement conditions on both interstate and non-interstate roadways within their jurisdictions;

Whereas, to meet this requirement, DDOT uses the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), a numerical index between 0 and 100 that is used to rate and classify the general condition of roadway pavement under the following categories, or some iteration thereof: failed, very poor, poor, fair, good, very good, and excellent;

Whereas, DDOT relies on the <u>PCI data it collects</u>, as well as resident requests and planned utility repairs, to create an annual roadway repaving prioritization plan known as "PaveDC";

Whereas, DDOT does not maintain a similar "Sidewalk Condition Index" for city sidewalks, ADA ramps, or crosswalks, and instead relies on requests submitted by individual residents to schedule repairs;

Whereas, a system that relies primarily on individual user inputs to request repairs only informs DDOT where users are the most vocal, not where repairs are most needed, and could lead to inequities in how sidewalk repairs are prioritized across the city;

Whereas, given the District's <u>Sustainable D.C. 2.0</u> goal of reducing commuter trips made by car to 25% by 2032, pedestrian infrastructure should be prioritized for routine citywide assessment and repair at the same frequency as roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 5C urges DDOT to establish a Sidewalk Condition Index (SCI), similar to its PCI, that assesses the condition of District-owned sidewalks on the same schedule that PCI assessments are conducted;

Be it further resolved that ANC 5C calls on DDOT to prioritize sidewalk repairs under this new SCI in the following order:

- Missing sidewalks/Failed/Very Poor
- Poor/Fair
- Good/Very Good/Excellent

Be it further resolved that ANC 5C urges the D.C. Council to full fund D.C. Code §9–425.01(a), which pertains to sidewalk installation requirements, amended to strike "on at least one side of the street" and replace with "on both sides of the street";

Be it further resolved that that the sponsor is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to appropriate recipients, to include members of the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment and their staff; and

Be it further resolved that that ANC 5C commissioners are authorized to represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the 5C Commission in advocating for the aforementioned

This reso	olution came before ANC 5C at a duly noticed	public me	eting on	,
2023. Al	NC $5C$ is composed of 7 Commissioners, so the	at 4 Comm	issioners consti	itute a quorum
With	Commissioners present, ANC 5C voted	Yea,	Nay, and	Abstain.
Chair, ANC 5C		Secretary, ANC 5C		