

LE DROIT PARK TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

BACKGROUND

Neighbors across LeDroit have been dealing with many transportation related issues over the years with no great success. Small victories, such as changing the enforcement time of zone parking or temporarily filling potholes, are isolated to individual blocks when many of the same issues are being felt by the entire community.

Identifying transportation concerns and addressing them all together can streamline the bureaucratic process, ensure proposed resolutions don't negatively impact another block, and promote regulation and enforcement continuity in the community.

The “LeDroit Park Transportation Package” was developed by:

1. Performing a block-by-block assessment of transportation issues;
2. A call for community input through email;
3. Listening to neighbors priorities at the LeDroit Park Civic Association's community forum on March 24, 2015; and
4. A final vote by the community at the LeDroit Park Civic Association's monthly general body meeting on April 28, 2015 to approve those incorporated recommendations.

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Findings from block-by-block assessment of LeDroit Park:

- Parking Zones
- Potholes
- Sidewalks and Curbs

Community Concerns

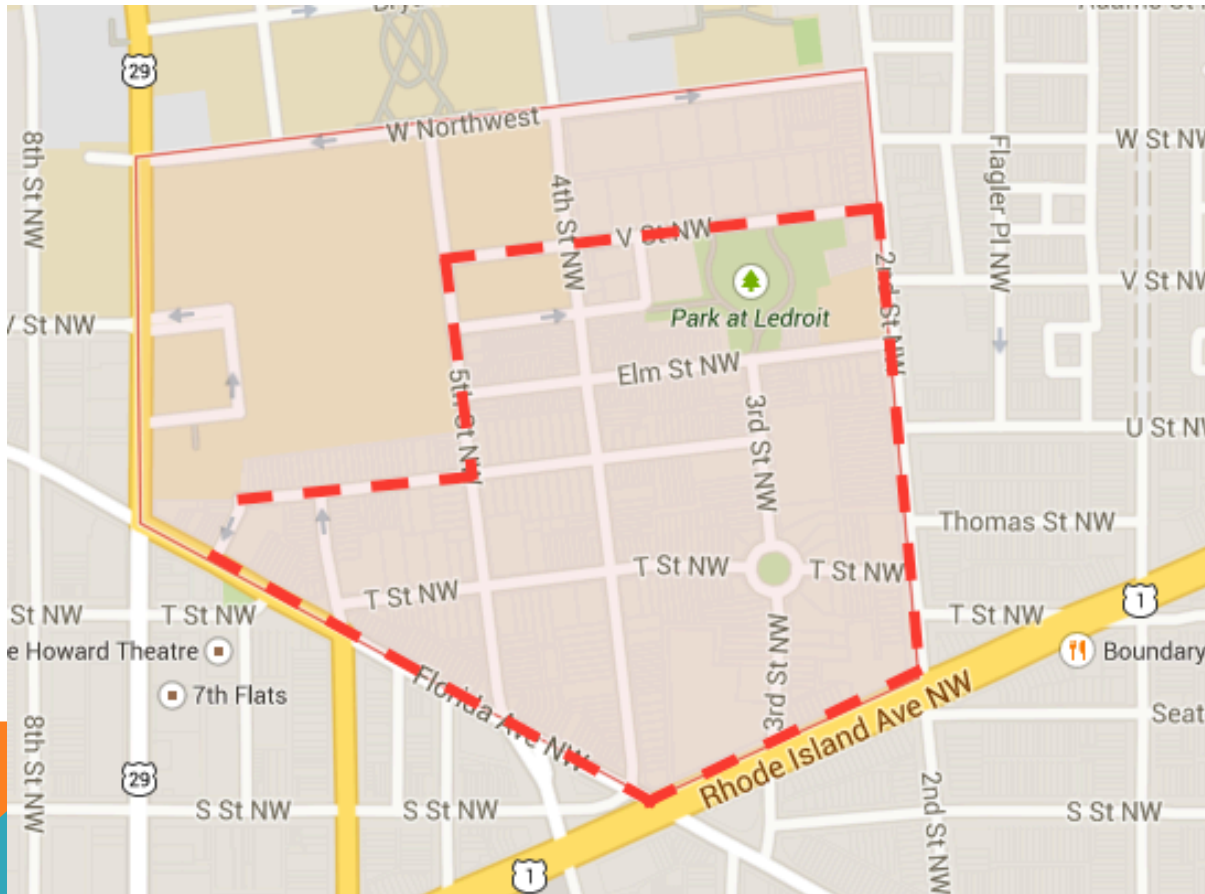
- Metro Bus and Parking
- Elm Street Parking Lot
- Confusing Signage at 6th and U Street
- Signage for Pets
- Pedestrian Walkway

Summary of Recommendations



PARKING IN LE DROIT

There are 49 stretches* of parking and 8 stretches* with no parking within the LeDroit Park boundaries.



*A stretch is one side of the street the length of one block. For example, the North side of T Street between 4th and 5th is one stretch.

PARKING ZONES

The issue: Parking after work hours and during weekends is difficult due to multiple zone availability and hours of enforcement.

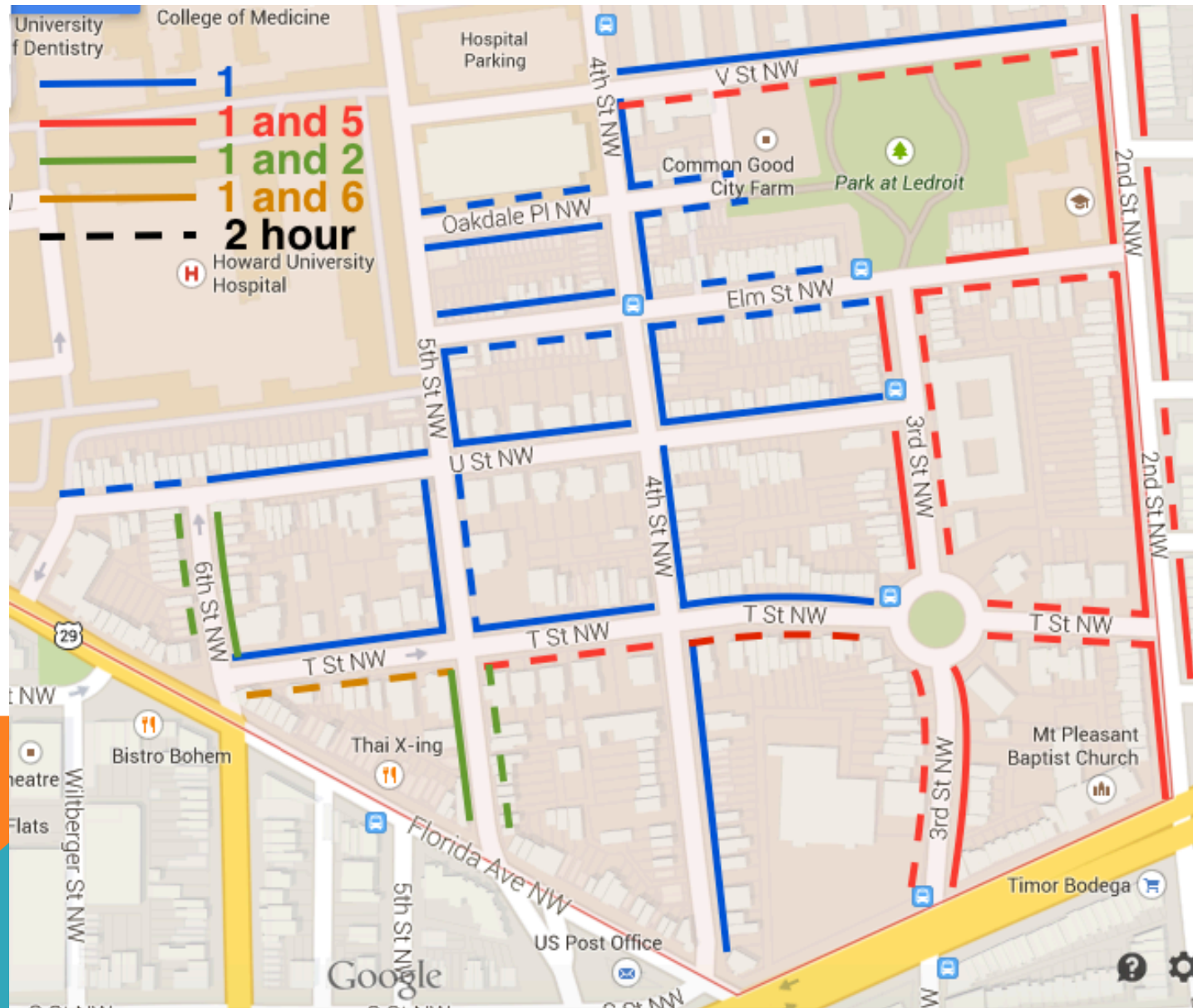
1. Hours of enforcement for zone parking: 82% of zone and 2 hour parking is enforced between 7am and 8:30pm Monday through Friday. As a result, many out of state vehicles are parked for days at a time during the weekend.

Number of stretches restricted to zone parking only	
Zone 1	15
Zones 1 and 5	11
Zones 1 and 2	2

2. Limited available parking is shared with other zones: 69% of all parking is shared with other zones and/or with general public for 2 hour periods. As a result,

Number of stretches with zone parking and 2 hour parking available to general public	
Zones 1 and 5 with 2 hour	10
Zone 1 with 2 hour	8
Zones 1 and 2 with 2 hour	2
Zones 1 and 6 with 2 hour	1

PARKING ZONES



PARKING ZONES - RECOMMENDATION

1. Expand enforceable hours for all zone and 2 hour parking to Monday through Sunday from 7am to Midnight. This will ensure parking is available during evenings and weekends when our mostly residential community is in most need of parking.
2. Outline parking areas with white borders in order to assist drivers with identifying appropriate locations.
3. Eliminate shared zone 5 parking on all east/west streets. Currently in Ward 5, parking is not shared nearly as frequently as in Ward 1. This change would bring a more equitable parking situation as it would directly mirror the shared zoning situation between Flagler and 2nd Street, Adams and Thomas Street. The impact would be on 7 stretches, majority of which are on T Street. The result would be a 33% reduction of zone 1 and 5 parking, which includes 2 hour parking that exempts both zones 1 and 5.



POTHOLES

The issue: fixes to potholes are not permanent which leads to larger and deeper potholes.

1. 4th Street: the greatest number and the largest, deepest potholes in the community were located on 4th Street between Florida Avenue and V Street.
2. Intersections: With the use of various materials at certain intersections, potholes develop in the concrete and bricks become dislodged or go missing.



4th Street between U and Elm (south view)



POTHOLES – 4TH STREET

T Street and 4th Street (north corner)



POTHOLES – 4TH STREET

V Street and 4th Street (north corner)



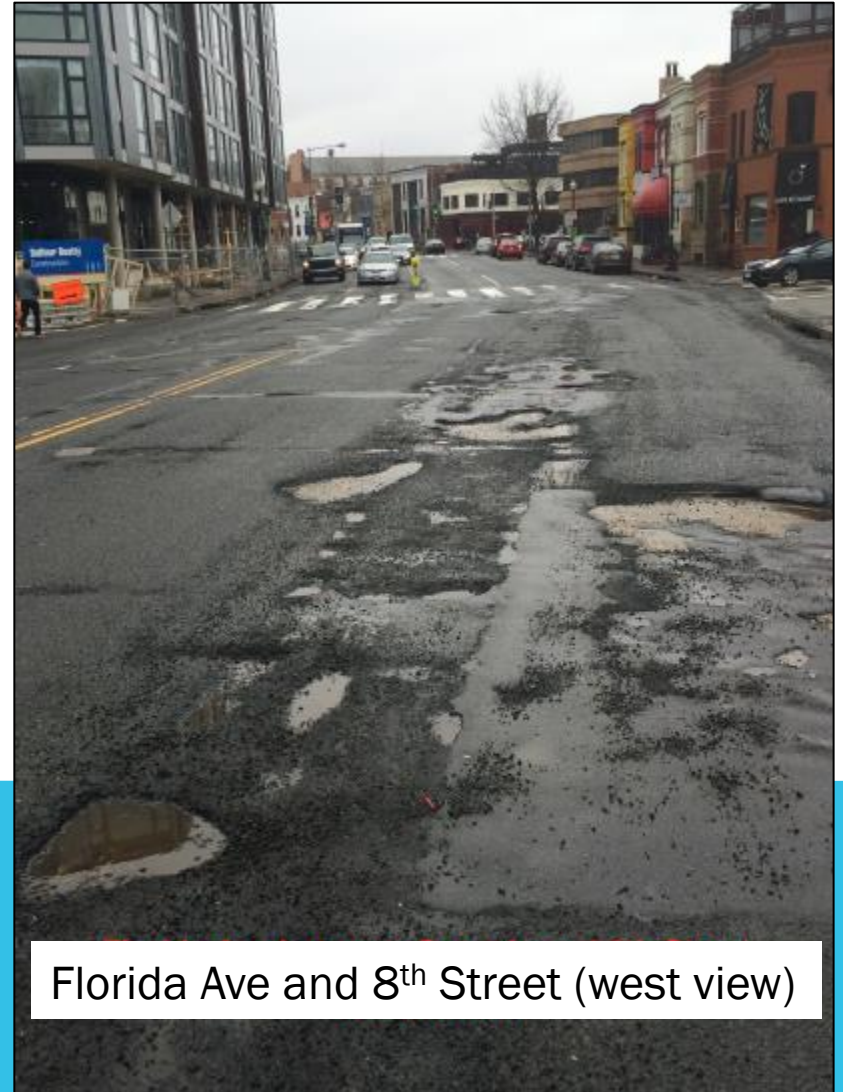
T Street and 4th Street (south corner)



Florida Ave and 8th Street (east view)



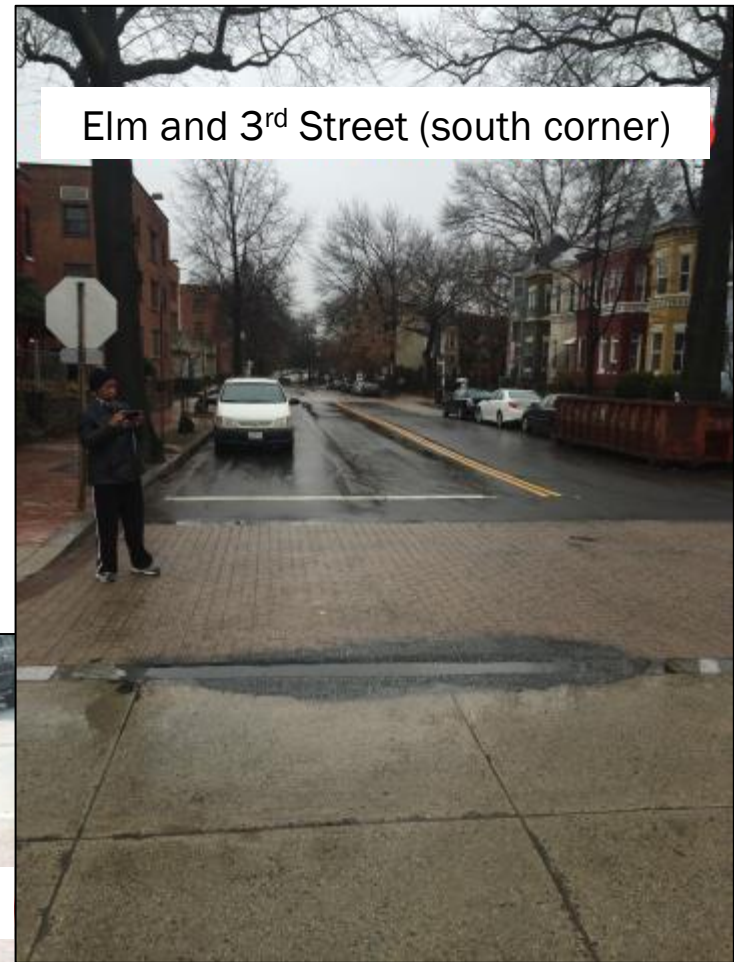
POTHoles – FLORIDA AVE



Florida Ave and 8th Street (west view)

POTHOLES - INTERSECTIONS

Elm and 3rd Street (south corner)



Oakdale and 4th Street (north corner)



POTHOLES - RECOMMENDATION

1. Place 4th Street on the list for a “Resurfacing.” Using DDOT’s Pavement Conditions Index (PCI) presentation from July 2014 before Councilwoman Cheh*, the following images suggest that 4th Street is in a “Failed” or “Very Poor” state. The stretch between Florida Avenue and V Street is 0.3 miles , which is priced out at \$300,000 per mile.
2. Prevent vehicles over one ton from traveling on 4th Street by placing a “Truck Restriction” between Florida Avenue and V Street, as seen on DDOT’s Truck and Bus Through Routes and Restrictions Map



SIDEWALK AND CURBS

The issue: dislodged and missing bricks in the sidewalk, curbs, and gutters are not only an eyesore but negatively impact public safety.

Here is a running list of missing bricks as of April 20, 2015

- T Street at the corner of 4th Street
- Roughly at the addresses of 1805, 2021, and 2038 4th Street
- Oakdale between 4th and 5th Street
- Entrance of Park at LeDroit (corner of Elm Street and 3rd Street)
- Roughly at the address of 1907, 1919 and 1961 3rd Street
- Roughly at the address of 216, 315 and 345 Elm Street
- 2nd Street at the southwest corner of V Street

Other sidewalk concerns: missing ground cap at 1819 4th Street



METRO BUS & PARKING

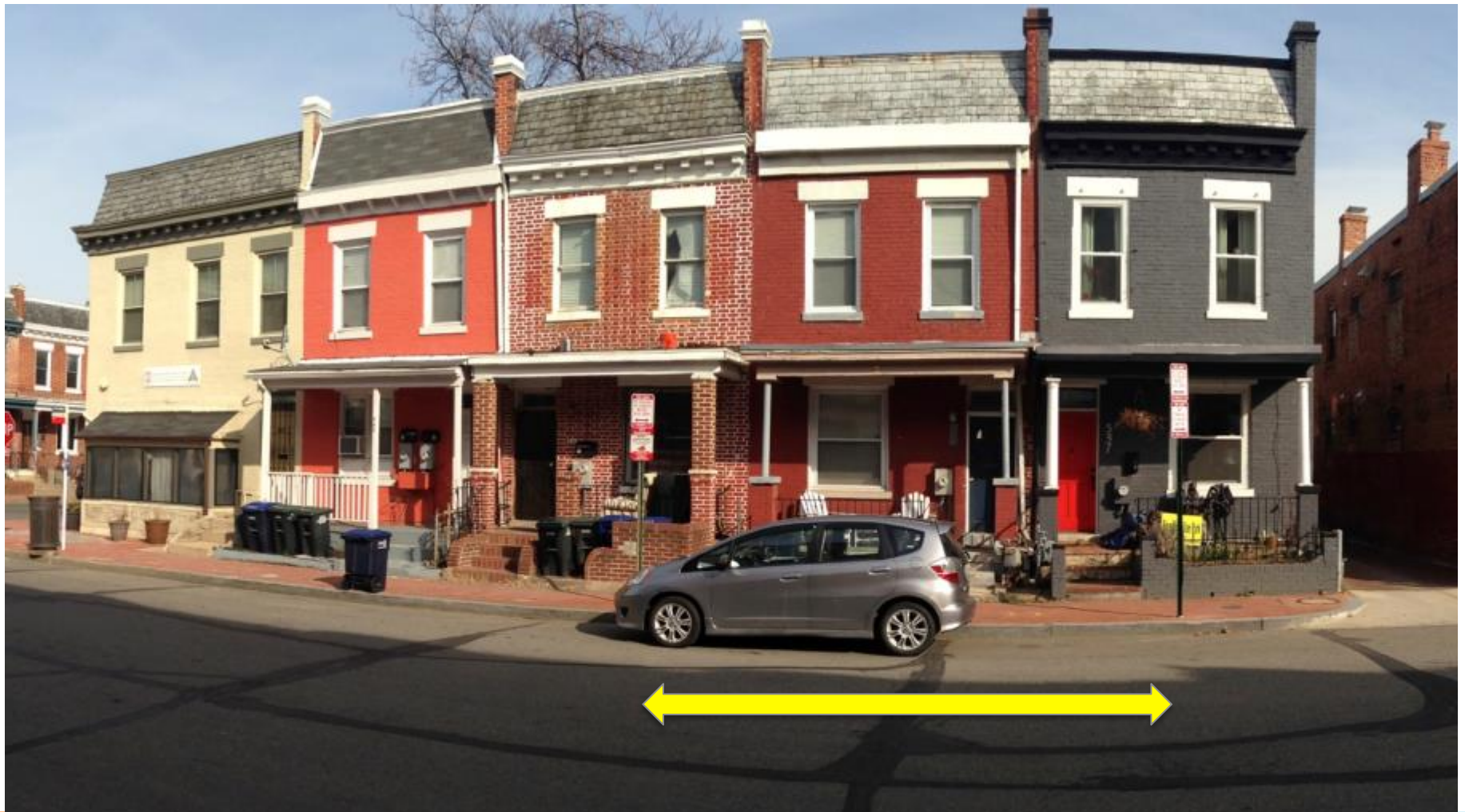
The issue: no parking signs around metro bus stops exceed the necessary limit there eliminating needed parking in a residential community.

“I have a young child and it is often challenging to bring home groceries and a toddler when I cannot find any parking on my street. I understand the need to have sufficient room for a metro bus, but the "no parking signs" have taken an excessive amount of space on our street. By my estimate, these new signs have taken at least four parking spots on a street that is already struggling to accommodate its residents.”

- Maunica



The space between the end of the bus and the first “no parking” sign for Metro Bus is the full length of a house.



Yet, two additional parking spaces are blocked off for Metro Bus.
Note, this car is parked illegally and received a ticket moments
after taking this photo on March 19, 2015.

UNKEMPT PARKING LOT

The issue: behind the north row of house on the 300 block of Elm Street, a small parking lot has not been maintained.

1. Lack of maintenance: without regular upkeep, large amounts of trash have accumulated, bulk waste has been dumped, and bushes and weeds are overgrown.
2. Deteriorating signs have encouraged confusion of who can park there.
3. Abandoned or non-operating vehicles have been parked for extended periods.



ELM STREET PARKING LOT



Trash and unkempt signage

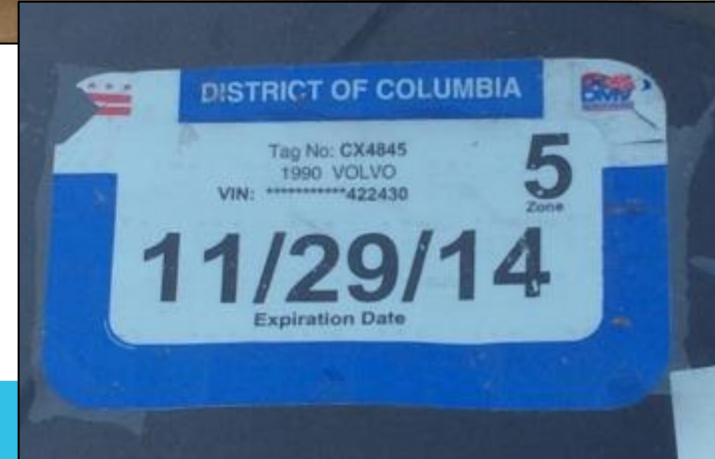
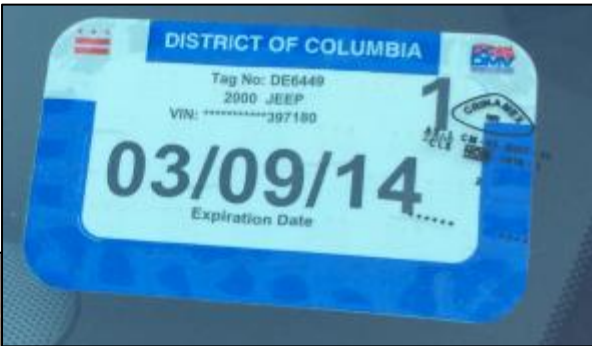


More trash

ELM STREET PARKING LOT



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CONFUSING SIGNAGE

The issue: signs indicating one way streets at the corner of 6th and U Street are confusing and misleading

west view

east view

West bound is one way, but going east is 2 way.

PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

The issue: neighbors have expressed difficulty crossing over 4th Street at U Street due to the volume and speed of traffic..



SIGNAGE FOR PETS

The issue: neighbors across LeDroit have expressed concern over animal droppings being left behind, especially around the park .



RECOMMENDATION

Metro Bus Stops and parking:

1. Reduce the amount of unnecessary restricted space around Metro Bus stops that eliminates parking spaces, especially on Elm Street and 3rd Street.

Unkempt Parking Lot:

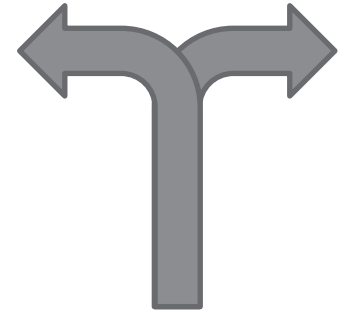
1. Clean the lot by removing abandoned vehicles, all remaining trash, and bushes and weeds
2. Designate the spaces as zone 1 parking Monday through Sunday from 7am to Midnight, and place new signage throughout the lot.



RECOMMENDATION (CONT.)

Confusing Signage:

1. Remove over abundance of signs and place “pavement markings” of traffic arrows on 6th Street just as vehicles approach U Street.



Signage for Pets:

1. Place more “Pick Up After Your Dog” signs around the Park at LeDroit, Anna Cooper Circle, and other strategically placed locations in the community.

Pedestrian Walkway

1. Place in-street “Stop for Pedestrian” road signs at the north and south intersection of 4th Street and U Street.



RECOMMENDATION

1. Expand enforceable hours for all zone and 2 hour parking
 2. Outline parking areas with “pavement markings”
 3. Eliminate shared zone 5 parking on all east/west streets
 4. Place 4th Street on the list for “Resurfacing”
 5. Prevent vehicles over one ton from traveling on 4th Street
 6. Reduce the amount of unnecessary restricted space around Metro Bus stops
 7. Clean the Elm Street parking lot
 8. Designate the Elm Street parking lot spaces as zone 1 parking
 9. Remove over abundance of signs and place “pavement markings” of traffic arrows
 10. Place more “Pick Up After Your Dog” signs around the Park at LeDroit, Anna Cooper Circle, and other strategically placed locations in the community.
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