



CLEVELAND PARK  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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February 17, 2026

Council Member Charles Allen  
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment  
Re: Reno Road/34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Safety Hazards  
VIA EMAIL

Dear Commissioner Allen:

The Cleveland Park Community Association is a non-profit membership organization, comprised of residents of Cleveland Park and committed to addressing issues of importance to the neighborhood, including transportation safety. A long-standing concern for our neighborhood is the safety of Reno Road/34<sup>th</sup> Street, which runs by several schools including three in our neighborhood. Recent accidents involving schoolchildren highlight the ongoing urgency of the matter.

CPCA, ANC 3C, members of the John Eaton Elementary School community, and others in our community, with the support of Commissioner Frumin, have engaged DDOT over recent years, asking for safety measures to address this danger to schoolchildren, elderly pedestrians and others crossing 34<sup>th</sup> Street. We acknowledge Director Kirshbaum's response to this outreach and thank her for committing to include Reno Road/34<sup>th</sup> Street in DDOT's planning this year and in its construction cycle for 2027, and to engage the community as it pursues these efforts. We also acknowledge the action DDOT has taken in response to these concerns, by adding additional signage at Newark Street.

We appreciate the importance and complexities of addressing the safety issues holistically, and look forward to being part of the community engagement as it commences. However, the risk of far worse accidents remains a grave threat, and we are mindful of budget pressures facing DC. So, we seek to ensure (i) that DDOT's commitments can be realized as planned, and also (ii) that DDOT be able to take appropriate, additional interim measures to minimize risk while its assessment continues, for example to address driving speeds and visibility challenges for drivers at the 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Ordway intersection.

Accordingly, we write to request your and your committee's support (i) to ensure that DDOT has the resources necessary to address the Reno Road/34<sup>th</sup> Street hazards more definitively in 2027, and (ii) to provide whatever guidance and assistance may be needed to enable DDOT to take appropriate interim measures.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Barlow Weiner". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "W".

John Barlow Weiner  
President

Cc:  
Council Member M. Frumin  
Director S. Kirshbaum