

CASE NO. 08-06-2
(Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Rewrite: Parking)
Comments for the Record
Thursday, July 31, 2008

It seems to me that "OP" has the cart before the horse here. Denying parking spaces is not the way to solve transportation problems. Surely professionals can figure that out. We need better transportation.

I heard on the radio that, New York's early 20th century development featured its subway system, a vast difference from the situation in the District of Columbia, which already had a city when it embarked on creating a train system for commuters in the mid-1970's. So the Metro (subway) offers something, but it's far from being a solution.

Bus transportation, other than the 30 numbers on Wisconsin Avenue, which operate with great frequency, is a disappointment for many of us. Our time counts for something.

Yes, I'd love to see Washington become a bike-friendly city. I would enjoy pedaling around in bike-lanes. But where are they now? Sure, adding bicycle racks is a good thing for the daring members of the area, but that's a tiny fraction of the transportation issue.

DDOT needs to broaden its scope on parking and its outreach. Are DDOT types visiting citizens' associations and ANC's? Is there a transportation element that I have yet to learn about? Parking belongs there, if there's to be a real change. In the meantime, providing for the reality of cars is sensible; some people would say mandatory.

I'm distressed at the prohibition mindset in this proposal. It's out of touch with what exists. Incentives, on the whole, are the way to go--the "better mousetrap" approach.

This is serious, long-term planning stuff. It deserves public involvement.

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