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Subject: Traffic plan for 4th and M SW intersection

I live at Tiber Island Coop on M Street SW. Like many residents of our community, I am increasingly concerned about the public safety implications of the continued development (overdevelopment?) of our neighborhood.

As DDOT surely recognizes, and as the Zoning Commission members and staff likely recognize, the logistics of traveling in, out and through the Southwest Waterfront district are particularly difficult when compared with most of the city. We are hemmed-in by the rivers and the I-395 freeway, and the “superblock” land use pattern from the post-war urban renewal plan reduced the number of streets in the neighborhood very substantially. Although the new real estate developments in our area certainly have brought a lot of great features to the community, the combination of increasing density and limited streets may be reaching a tipping point. The neighborhood already is densely populated, and thousands of additional units of housing are being planned just in the “core” section of the SW Waterfront community alone. On top of this, there are the thousands of patrons who will be coming to events at Audi Field, plus any additional office and residential development that will be implemented in the Buzzard Point area. In the event of an individual medical emergency or a mass casualty situation in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood, are we confident that EMS, fire and police personnel will be able to reach, assist and transport people?

There is an urgent need to find useful answers for this challenge, both globally (i.e., the entire neighborhood) and also at the 4th & M SW intersection in particular, before we end up in a crisis situation. I urge the Zoning Commission to make sure that traffic planning for the Southwest Waterfront district is made an immediate priority.

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