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Hello

I am a resident of SW DC.

Without a comprehensive transportation plan to get people to and from the proposed DC United stadium (and subsequent development), traffic in Buzzard Point and the neighborhoods adjacent will be atrocious.

A comprehensive transportation plan should include the following:

1. There should be robust auto-alternative transportation options. DC United (and the developers that will develop the rest of Buzzard Point) and Metro should be required to provide continuous shuttles or buses to and from Navy Yard - Stadium Metro station and/or Waterfront Metro (as Kennedy Center does from Foggy Bottom Metro). These shuttles need to have a capacity sufficient to handle crowds attending events at the stadium and/or to meet the needs of the people who will live in the 6,000 units of new housing that are planned there.
2. The traffic plan for the stadium and Buzzard Point needs to incentivize use of S Capital over 4th, 2nd or Half St to get in and out of Buzzard Point, because 4th, 2nd, and Half flow through residential areas. Stop signs, speed bumps, and other traffic calming features should be incorporated, and stop lights should be timed to make the drive to the stadium down 4th, 2nd or Half St a less appealing option.
3. The prohibition on left turns from 4th St SW southbound onto M St SW east bound needs to be lifted. 4th St is residential while M St is designed to handle thru traffic. Intentionally routing thru traffic into a residential area makes no sense, especially as traffic balloons.
4. The geography of Buzzard Point, combined with the huge amount of development that is planned there, means DC needs to discourage driving (both to the stadium and by residents living there in subsequent developments) because transportation infrastructure in the area and in the residential neighborhoods north of the stadium simply cannot handle a large amount of additional traffic.
5. Parking begets traffic. DC needs to discourage driving by relaxing parking requirements at the stadium and in subsequent Buzzard Point development. More parking encourages more driving, so limiting available parking in the area will help to reduce driving.

Thanks much

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