

**Performance Oversight Responses**  
**Pedestrian Advisory Council**  
**FY 2015 – FY2016 (to date)**

1. Please provide a list of the Council’s current members. For each member, please provide the following:
- The member’s name
  - The Ward, agency or organization the member represents
  - Who appointed the member
  - When the member’s term expires
  - Attendance record

D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council Membership & Meeting Attendance				
Member’s Name	Representing	Appointed By	Term Expiration	FY 2015 Attendance Record
Gerald Wall	Chairman	Mendelson	1-27-2018	71%
Jason Broehm	At-Large (Bonds)	Mendelson	7-12-2015	78%
Edward Johnson	At-Large (Bonds)	Bonds	7-12-2018	100%
Tony Goodman	At-Large (Grosso)	Grosso	6-14-2016	82%
George Tobias	At-Large (Orange)	Orange	7-11-2018	100%
Jessica Tunon	At-Large (Silverman)	Catania	7-11-2017	64%
Ben Welle	Ward 1	Graham	7-12-2015	44%
Will Stephens	Ward 2	Evans	2-11-2017	91%
Eileen McCarthy	Ward 3	Cheh	9-10-2018	82%
Gwen Cofield	Ward 4	Bowser	12-6-2016	36%
Reginald Alston	Ward 5	McDuffie	3-18-2017	36%
Sonia Conly	Ward 6	Wells	6-20-2017	100%
Robin Murphy	Ward 7	Alexander	8-19-2016	73%
VACANT	Ward 8	VACANT	NA	NA
George Branyan	DDOT	-	NA	73%
Terry Thorne	MPD	-	NA	45%
Chris Shaheen	OP	-	NA	9%
Franklin “Skip” Chrisman	DCPS	-	NA	0%
Xavier Brown	DPR	-	NA	20%

2. Please provide a list of the Council’s meeting dates, times, and locations for FY 2015 and FY 2016 to date.

Following is the list of the PAC’s meeting dates. All meetings were held at 6:30 p.m. at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Room 1117, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, October 27, 2014  
Monday, November 24, 2014  
Monday, December 22, 2014  
Monday, January 26, 2015  
Monday, February 23, 2015  
Monday, March 23, 2015  
Monday, April 27, 2015  
Monday, May 18, 2015  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
Monday, July 27, 2015  
Monday, September 28, 2015  
Monday, October 26, 2015  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
Monday, December 21, 2015  
Monday, January 25, 2016 – canceled due to storm  
Monday, February 22, 2016

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – The PAC was on recess, but several members met at 501 New York Ave. NW for a tour of the MPD DUI mobile unit and then at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street & Wallach Place NW to observe an MPD crosswalk enforcement action.

3. Did the Council receive funds in FY 2015? If so, please provide the following:
- The amount of the funding.
  - The source of the funding.
  - A list of all expenditures.
  - A description of how these funds furthered the Council's mission.

The PAC operates with the understanding that it is funded annually in the amount of \$10,000. However, the full amount was not available for expenses incurred in FY 2015. The funding problem was discovered in October 2015 when the PAC staff person submitted an invoice and the PAC treasurer was informed that there was not sufficient funding to cover the invoice. The OCFO and OCP have informed the PAC that the full \$10,000 is available for FY 2016.

The PAC's FY 2015 expenditures totaled \$3,130, as shown below. FY 2016 expenditures to date of \$2,300 are also shown. The majority of the PAC's expenditures are for its staff person. That staff position is responsible for keeping meeting minutes, posting meeting agendas, posting information on the PAC website, sharing pedestrian-related items on Twitter, and assisting PAC members in drafting PAC testimony and comments to the Council or agencies.

Quarterly Expenditure Report - December 31, 2014				
Date	Check #	Payee	Amount	Purpose
10/14/14	2307	Jason Broehm	\$ 80.00	reimbursement for Idealist.org job ad for Program/Admin. Associate position (11-23-13 receipt)
12/29/14	2308	Heather Edelman	\$ 1,780.00	PAC support services (12-11-14 invoice)
			\$ 1,860.00	
Quarterly Expenditure Report - March 31, 2015				
Date	Check #	Payee	Amount	Purpose
6/1/15	2309	Heather Edelman	\$ 1,270.00	Pac support services
Quarterly Expenditure Report June 30 2015				
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Quarterly Expenditure Report Sept 30, 2015				
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			\$ 3,130.00	
Quarterly Expenditure Report December 31, 2015				
Date	Check #	Payee	Amount	Purpose
10/26/15	2310	Heather Edelman	\$ 2,300.00	

4. Please describe the Council's activities in FY 2015.

In FY 2015, the PAC embarked on the following activities:

- Held 11 public meetings
- Participated in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group
- Participated in visiting dangerous intersections
- Coordinated with MPD on pedestrian safety actions at unsignalized crosswalks
- Received several briefings from experts to learn about topics of interest, including:
  - DDOT intersection design and dangerous intersections - Nov. 24, 2014
  - Automated Traffic Enforcement - Dec. 22, 2014; April 27, 2015; May 18, 2015
  - DC Taxicab Commission safety initiatives - April 27, 2015; June 22, 2015
  - Metro communication, especially regarding escalator repairs - June 22, 2015
  - Vision Zero - June 22, 2015
  - Update on ADA survey of sidewalks - July 27, 2015
  - ADA transition plan – Sept. 28, 2015
- Published two dozen informational blogs on the PAC website on topics including:
  - City Council legislation
  - Sidewalk repair and construction funding
  - MPD enforcement activity
  - National studies and reports
- Testified at hearings on various topics, including:
  - DDOT 2016 Budget
  - ADA transition plan
  - MoveDC plan
  - B21-0335, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act of 2015
  - B21-0383, the Vision Zero Act of 2015
  - B21-0021, the Enhanced Penalties for Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2015

5. Please describe the Council's three biggest accomplishments in FY 2015.

Three of the PAC's biggest accomplishments in FY 2015 were:

- Participating in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group, and providing extensive substantive comments on the draft report and resulting proposed legislation;
- Creating awareness about pedestrian safety issues by providing testimony on legislation that would affect pedestrians, posting informational blogs, and sharing information via social media;
- Coordinating with MPD on pedestrian safety actions that contributed to driver and pedestrian education and pedestrian safety.

6. Please describe the state of pedestrian safety in the District.

In the past year, the District, under the direction of Mayor Bowser, initiated a Vision Zero initiative that aims to bring traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero by 2024. This is a major step in acknowledging the vulnerability of pedestrians in the District and working to make their safe passage a priority. The District ranks high among other U.S. cities for pedestrian safety, but each year in the District about 1,000 pedestrians are struck by motor vehicles and 10-15 pedestrians are killed.

Achieving the Vision Zero goal will require making serious strides in reducing speeds, redesigning intersections, and educating all road users about safe behavior. Levels of pedestrian safety are unequal around the District. Some roads have been redesigned with parking and bike lanes and medians that lower driver speeds and shorten crossing distances for people walking. Meanwhile, other locations have wide, high speed roads, beg buttons (push-to-cross buttons), faded unsignalized crosswalks and low lighting. In addition, poor attention has been shown to clearing snow from pedestrian routes, and drivers can be seen every day operating vehicles while using cell phones.

District government, safety advocates, and neighborhood residents have brought more attention to the state of pedestrian safety in the past year, and PAC members are hopeful that resulting legislation, regulations, priorities and practices will bring about an even more pedestrian-friendly environment.

7. Please describe the Council's goals for FY 2016 and the plan/timeline for completion.

In FY 2016, the PAC will:

- Provide input on the District's Vision Zero initiative and DDOT's Action Plan activities throughout the year;

- Continue working with MPD and DDOT on officer and automated enforcement, especially during warmer months when there is increased pedestrian activity;
- Get an update this spring on the progress of the sidewalk repair and construction programs and the methodology used to determine repair and construction priorities;
- Review the District's snow removal policies and practices;
- Work throughout the year to increase public awareness of pedestrian safety issues through testimony at Council hearings, participation in public discussions on pedestrian safety issues, and posting information on the PAC website.

8. What challenges does the Council face?

In FY 2016, the PAC must work to actively engage all PAC representatives in providing input on District policies and practices. In addition, the PAC officers will work to gain clarity on the PAC's financial status.

9. In the last fiscal year, has the Council changed the way it represents and solicits feedback from residents? Please describe:
- What has the Council learned from this feedback?
  - How has the Council changed its practices as a result of such feedback, if at all?

The PAC continues to solicit feedback by posting information on its website, sharing information on Twitter, testifying at Council hearings, and holding regular public meetings. Each Ward continues to be represented by a PAC member with personal knowledge of local neighborhood pedestrian concerns. Through PAC representatives and from emails, the PAC has learned about dangerous intersections and shared concerns with DDOT and MPD. The PAC pursued the idea of livestreaming its meetings, and the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments has indicated it will provide needed guidance on this activity. Last year the PAC set a goal of hosting a public meeting in a neighborhood near a dangerous intersection, but it has not yet scheduled such a meeting.

10. Please provide a copy of all official correspondence sent by the Council in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to date.

Please find the following attached testimony, resolutions and correspondence from the PAC:

- Testimony on Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act of 2015 (B21-0335), Vision Zero Act of 2015 (B21-0383), and Enhanced Penalties for Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2015 (B21-0021) - December 8, 2015
- Supplemental Comments on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act of 2015 and the Vision Zero Act of 2015 - December 22, 2015
- Comments on the DDOT ADA transition plan – November 2, 2015

- Letter to Chief Lanier in support of MPD enforcement – July 29, 2015
- Letter on DPW booting and towing program – May 6, 2015
- Testimony on DDOT FY 2016 Budget – April 21, 2015
- PAC Oversight hearing testimony - March 6, 2015
- Testimony on MoveDC – November 21, 2014

11. Last year, the Council listed a series of broad goals for FY 2015. Did the Council achieve each of these goals? If not, why not?

- *“Continue to coordinate with DDOT on MoveDC, with particular attention to the MoveDC two year action plan goal of improving 20 intersections. As part of this initiative, we will study a variety of design techniques, such as implementing Leading Pedestrian Intervals, eliminating three-legged crosswalks, enhancing crosswalk striping, adding medians and curb extensions, and improving lighting.”*

DDOT has shifted its focus to its Vision Zero initiative, and the PAC has stayed abreast of the legislative, regulatory and action plan elements of Vision Zero through regular contact with agency staff. The PAC participated in the visits to five dangerous intersections in the summer and fall of 2015 and supports the use of design techniques to improve pedestrian safety at those and other locations.

- *“Continue working with MPD and DDOT on officer and automated enforcement.”*

The PAC has done this.

- *“Track progress of the sidewalk repair system and use of the additional funding provided for sidewalk maintenance.”*

The PAC has been unable to get an update on the repair program and is currently seeking that information.

- *“Increase outreach to ANCs and community groups.”*

The PAC has not met its goal of increasing outreach to ANCs. Several individual PAC members do maintain contact with their local ANCs, the Bicycle Advisory Group and WABA, and the PAC has increased its listserv membership.

12. Last year, the Council mentioned that the busyness of the PAC members competes with their ability to equally participate in PAC meetings, working groups, and opportunities to reach out to community groups and testify before the DC Council. In addition, two positions

remain vacant. Have these problems been resolved? If not, what can be done to mitigate or resolve them?

Most PAC members have good attendance records at PAC meetings and some are very actively engaged in providing input on the state of pedestrian safety and related District policies and practices. The PAC can work on setting achievable goals for contact with ANCs. One vacancy on the PAC has been filled, and one remains; one PAC member is awaiting reinstatement. Within the next month, efforts will be renewed to fill the remaining vacancy.

13. Last year, the Council recommended the following areas as priorities for District actions to improve pedestrian safety in FY 2015. Please provide an update on the status of these matters, including what action, if any, both the District and the Council took on them in FY 2015 and FY 2016, to date.

- MoveDC – The District has shifted its focus from MoveDC to Vision Zero, which is an ambitious and comprehensive plan, and the PAC keeps track of this initiative.
- Photo Enforcement – The ATE program continues but has not increased. The PAC receives regular updates from the ATE program director.
- Access to Pedestrian Crash Data – This has become a District priority through Vision Zero, and the PAC will continue to support those efforts.
- Establishing Public Criteria for Prioritizing Sidewalk Repairs – The PAC is working to get an update on this issue, as well as on the progress of sidewalk repairs and construction.

14. Please identify the Council's top recommendations for the District's priorities related to pedestrian safety in FY 2016.

The PAC's top recommendations are:

- Vision Zero – Pass legislation and implement the Action Plan.
- Photo and officer enforcement – Expand these programs.
- Sidewalk repairs – Continue this program.
- Snow removal – Improve the clearing of snow from sidewalks, curb ramps and bus shelters.

15. Please provide any recommendations for how the District government can further improve pedestrian safety

Initiating Vision Zero is a major step forward. Passing related legislation and implementing the Action Plan will indicate that the District's priorities and policies prioritize road safety, especially for people walking to work, school, retail and for recreation in the District.