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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmembers Mary M. Cheh, Charles Allen, and Brianne Nadeau
DATE: June 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Requests for the June 9, 2020 Legislative Meeting

We request that the following emergency and temporary measures be agendized at the June 9, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- Connected Transportation Network Temporary Amendment Act of 2020
- Connected Transportation Network Emergency Amendment Act of 2020
- Connected Transportation Network Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020

In late May, The District Department of Transportation announced that it had created a Slow Streets program to identify streets that would be closed to through traffic and mandates reduced speeds for cars. This program is aimed at assisting residents in maintaining social distancing while outside, which can be difficult or even impossible on some blocks. The new legislation aims to expand this legislation in two ways. First, it would require that DDOT publish a report on streets it plans to modify, and to do so in a way that created a connected network for cyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motor vehicles. Second, the legislation would expand on DDOT's new slow streets program, by establishing a formal process by which residents can request similar modifications to a street if DDOT does not identify that particular street for modifications. Given the ongoing public health emergency, and the importance of maintaining social distancing, this legislation is being moved on an emergency basis.

Draft copies of the legislation are attached. Please contact Michael Porcello at (202) 724-8062 or mporcello@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.