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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require, on a temporary basis, that the District Department of Transportation to publish a report identifying modifications to roadways in each ward that will create space for uses other than for motorized vehicles and to set a timeline for implementation; and to require DDOT to create an application process by which residents can apply for street modifications on the block in which they reside.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this Act may be cited as the “Connected Transportation Network Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) Within 7 days after the effective date of this act, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) shall publish a report identifying modifications to at least 3 miles of streets in each ward that will allow, in the roadway, uses other than for motorized vehicles, such as for bicycles. The streets identified pursuant to this subsection shall, to the greatest extent possible, be connected to each other, creating a network of lanes or safe traveling spaces.

(b) The modifications identified pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be one of, or a combination of, the following:

- (1) Closure of a street to through traffic;

(2) Creation of a protected bicycle lane; or

(3) Reduction of travel lanes to expand public space.

(c)(1) Within 14 days after the effective date of this act, DDOT shall implement at least one mile per ward of the modifications identified in the report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(2) Within 28 days after the effective date of this act, DDOT shall have implemented at least 2 miles per ward of the modifications identified in the report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Within 42 days after the effective date of this act, DDOT shall have implemented at least 3 miles per ward of the modifications identified in the report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(d) Modifications made in accordance with the report described in (a)(1) of this subsection shall remain in place until at least 270 days following the expiration of a public health emergency declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), or at such time as the Mayor declares the District to be in phase 4 of reopening as described in the ReOpen DC Advisory Group Recommendations to the Mayor, whichever is later in time.

Sec. 3. (a) Within 7 days after the effective date of this act, DDOT shall create a Public Health Emergency Street Modification permit application and make it available through DDOT's website.

(b)(1) A District resident, 21 years or older, may submit a Public Health Emergency Street Closing permit application, at no cost to the resident, for a block on which the resident lives, requesting that DDOT make a modification to public space during a public health

emergency declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), including:

- (A) Closure of a street to through traffic;
- (B) Reduction of travel lanes; and
- (C) Conversion of a street from two-way to one-way operation for motor

vehicles.

(2) The application shall include, in a form determined by DDOT:

- (A) The applicant's address;
- (B) A description of the block requested for modification;
- (C) A list of the days of the week, and times of day, for which the

applicant requests the road closure; and

- (D) A description of the modifications requested.

(c) DDOT shall approve or deny a Public Health Emergency Street Modification permit application made pursuant to this section, by providing to the applicant written notice of approval or disapproval, within 15 days after receipt of the Public Health Emergency Street Modification permit application.

(d)(1) DDOT shall approve a Public Health Emergency Street Closing permit application made pursuant to this section if DDOT:

- (A) Determines that the application meets the requirements of subsection

(b)(2) of this section;

- (B)(i) Has received a letter of support for the application from each

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner ("ANC") whose single member district includes the block for which the application requests a road modification; or

(ii) Determines that the street for which modifications are requested is classified as a local road and is not part of a Metrobus or Circulator route; and

(C) Determines that the modification will not cause significant public safety concerns.

(2) In approving an application made pursuant to this section, DDOT may approve modifications that are different from the modifications specifically requested in the application, if the different modifications are consistent with a letter of support received, within 15 days after receipt of the Public Health Emergency Street Modification permit application, from an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (“ANC”) whose single member district includes the block for which the application requests a road modification.

(3) A notice of approval shall indicate the type of modification granted, the blocks affected, and the dates and times during which the modification will be in place.

(4) DDOT shall implement the modifications identified in the notice of approval. In cases where DDOT has approved the closure of a street to through traffic, DDOT may meet the requirement of this paragraph by making available to the applicant signage closing the street to through traffic.

(e) DDOT may modify additional public space contiguous with the block for which a modification has been requested in order to ensure safety and efficacy of the modification.

(f) The modifications made pursuant to this section shall not be counted towards the total mileage requirements in section 1, unless such modifications were identified in the published report described in section 1.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.