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## Widen sidewalks on Irving Street, between Mount Pleasant Street and 16th Street

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to implement as soon as practicable the Mount Pleasant Traffic Study recommendations that the sidewalks on Irving Street, between Mount Pleasant Street and 16th Street, be widened by four feet.

Why: The Traffic Study noted that these sidewalks are deficient, and are very heavily used, and should be replaced.

These sidewalks are narrow, and cluttered with posts. The sidewalk on the south side of Irving Street rated a Pedestrian Level of Service of "D", unsatisfactory. The minimum clear width along that sidewalk is just 33 inches, failing the Americans with Disabilities Act standard of 36 inches clear width. The sidewalk on the north side rates a "C", barely meeting ADA standards, but is still too narrow to handle the heavy pedestrian traffic along these blocks.

The Traffic Study noted that these sidewalks carry an exceptionally heavy pedestrian load: "The Irving Street corridor is exceptional averaging well over 600 pedestrians crossing per peak hour", due to foot traffic to the Columbia Heights Metro Station at 14th and Irving. Yet barriers along these narrow sidewalks force pedestrians to dodge from side to side, attempting to get around the posts cluttering the sidewalks while not colliding with pedestrians coming in the opposite direction. It's not uncommon to see pedestrians stepping into the street to pass oncoming pedestrians.

*Passed by 4 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on June 15, 2010, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Edwards, Lepanto, Bosserman, McKay.*

