

MEMORANDUM

To: The Board of Managers, Chevy Chase Village
From: Porter Wheeler, Chair, Traffic Committee
Date: April 20, 2014
Subject: Report of the Traffic Committee for the 2015 Annual Meeting

During the past year, the Traffic Committee (TC) did not face many issues but continued to enjoy the support and contributions of a strong and engaged membership when called on. The Committee continued to engage public officials on the pedestrian crossing issues for Connecticut Avenue, based on our assessment of the traffic situation and following TC recommendations to the Board over the past two years.

Pedestrian Crossing. The TC has consistently urged installation of a pedestrian-activated traffic light (not a warning signal) at Lenox Street and Connecticut Ave. Committee members have continued to participate in meetings with SHA officials and provide supportive contacts with elected representatives. Various TC members, and particularly Mr. Acton and Mr. Evans, explained and communicated in detail our disagreement with the findings expressed in SHA's correspondence.

The TC continues to be concerned about the dangerous safety conditions facing pedestrians seeking to cross Connecticut Avenue. We offered assistance to the Board and were pleased to support the ad hoc working group of the Board to deal with the evolving SHA position and reviewed the Village correspondence on the subject, including Mr. Crockett's comprehensive letter to SHA in July 2014 and subsequent response.

The TC was especially appreciative of the strong support of this position on pedestrian crossings by the Board of Managers. While the SHA's current position is not satisfactory, they do plan to install a "pedestrian-activated yellow beacon" in the summer of 2015.

Other Issues. Committee members have followed and at times engaged on several other issues of importance to Village traffic.

- SHA's Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk Project. TC members attended local SHA briefings and posed follow-on questions to SHA. The sidewalk project has been completed and is open for use.
- Chevy Chase Circle Signalization. TC members reviewed DCDOT plans to install signals around Chevy Chase Circle and expressed concerns about whether appropriate justification had been provided.
- A small number of other individual issues were also discussed.