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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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19 To require, on an emergency basis, that the District Department of Transportation publish a
20 report identifying modifications to roadways in each ward that will create space for uses
21 other than for motorized vehicles and to set a timeline for implementation; and to require
22 DDOT to create an application process by which residents can apply for street
23 modifications on the block in which they reside.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
26 act may be cited as the “Connected Transportation Network Emergency Amendment Act of
27 2020”.

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

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

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

36 (2) Creation of a protected bicycle lane; or

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

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

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

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

47 (d) Modifications made in accordance with the report described in (a)(1) of this
48 subsection shall remain in place until at least 270 days following the expiration of a public health
49 emergency declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of
50 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), or at such
51 time as the Mayor declares the District to be in phase 4 of reopening as described in the ReOpen
52 DC Advisory Group Recommendations to the Mayor, whichever is later in time.

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

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

59 emergency declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of
60 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), including:

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

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

- 66 (A) The applicant’s address;
- 67 (B) A description of the block requested for modification;
- 68 (C) A list of the days of the week, and times of day, for which the
69 applicant requests the road closure; and
- 70 (D) A description of the modifications requested.

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

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

- 77 (A) Determines that the application meets the requirements of subsection
78 (b)(2) of this section;
- 79 (B)(i) Has received a letter of support for the application from each
80 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (“ANC”) whose single member district includes the
81 block for which the application requests a road modification; or

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

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

86 (2) In approving an application made pursuant to this section, DDOT may
87 approve modifications that are different from the modifications specifically requested in the
88 application, if the different modifications are consistent with a letter of support received, within
89 15 days after receipt of the Public Health Emergency Street Modification permit application,
90 from an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (“ANC”) whose single member district includes
91 the block for which the application requests a road modification.

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

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

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

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

103 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

107 Sec. 5. Effective date.

108 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
109 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
110 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
111 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
112 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).