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10 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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20 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to direct the District Department
21 of Transportation to publish a report identifying modifications to roadways in each ward
22 that will create space for uses other than for motorized vehicles and to set a timeline for
23 implementation; and to require DDOT to create an application process by which residents
24 can apply for street modifications on the block in which they reside.

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26 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 resolution may be cited as the “Connected Transportation Network Emergency Declaration
28 Resolution of 2020”.

29 Sec. 2. (a) On May 27, 2020, Mayor Bowser issued Mayor’s Order 2020-067, allowing for
30 certain businesses to reopen in certain circumstances.

31 (b) Mayor’s Order 2020-067, however, notes that “[w]hen leaving their residents, all
32 individuals must continue to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from persons not in their
33 household,” and that, while “[w]earing a mask or face covering is one tool to protect an
34 individual’s health and the health of others, [] it does not replace social distancing.”

35 (c) On many sidewalks in the District it is impossible to maintain a distance of 6 feet when
36 simply walking or bicycling.

37 (d) The District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) has created a Slow Streets
38 program that will identify some streets that would be closed to through traffic and mandates
39 reduced speeds for cars. That is a good start, but residents must be allowed to request modifications
40 to a street if DDOT does not, on its own, identify a particular street for modifications.

41 (e) The Residential Street Closures Emergency Act of 2020 requires DDOT to identify
42 streets that can be part of a network of bicycle lanes, work that DDOT has done in several existing
43 reports, and to allow modifications to residential streets in certain, specified, circumstances.

44 (h) Emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that, when residents leave their homes
45 during times when social distancing is required, safe space is available for pedestrians and
46 bicyclists.

47 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
48 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
49 Connected Transportation Network Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single
50 reading.

51 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.