

April 4, 2018

Dear Councilwoman Archibong and Ms. DiMassimo:

The Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League (RCIL) is committed to the betterment of Reynoldstown. We believe that the Dekalb Avenue Complete Streets Project furthers that goal.

RCIL supports a design that will improve safety, regardless of whether a person is walking, taking transit, riding a bicycle, or driving a car. RCIL also supports removing the reversible center lane, which is a dangerous and confusing design. Further, replacing the reversible lane with a turn lane will reduce long backups created by users attempting to turn left. Including a multi-use trail will also allow those walking and cycling to access more destinations along the corridor, allowing those who are unable or uninterested in driving to do so.

Delivering a Complete Streets project will not only improve safety. It will also increase connectivity between Reynoldstown and neighborhoods north of Dekalb Avenue by creating a more welcoming and accessible corridor. Improving connectivity will improve quality of life, bring new customers to local businesses, and visitors to our neighborhood.

Dekalb Avenue, as currently designed, is unsafe. Changes are desperately needed. Residents along the corridor have waited many years for action. We strongly support Renew Atlanta's proposed Complete Streets Project on Dekalb Avenue and look forward to the final design.

Sincerely,

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