**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

***District Department of Transportation***



Public Hearing on
Bill 23-68, the “Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way Designation Act of 2019”

Bill 23-88, the “Downs Way Designation Act of 2019”

Bill 23-104, the “Tingey Square Designation Act of 2019”

Bill 23-366, the “Zaire Kelly Park Designation Act of 2019”

Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019”

Bill 23-455, the “Rev. Roy Settles Way Designation Act of 2019”

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Good morning Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Lee Goodall, and I am Chief of Staff at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Jeff Marootian regarding Bill 23-68, the “Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-88, the “Downs Way Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-104, the “Tingey Square Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-366, the “Zaire Kelly Park Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019”; and Bill 23-455, the “Rev. Roy Settles Way Designation Act of 2019”.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-68 is to symbolically designate the 900 Block of Underwood Street, N.W., between Georgia Avenue, N.W., and Piney Branch Road, N.W. in Ward 4, as *Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately $190 ($65 for sign fabrication and $125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling $380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-88 is to symbolically designate the 800 Block of Decatur Street, N.E. in Ward 4, as *Downs Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately $190 ($65 for sign fabrication and $125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling $380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-104 is to officially designate the portions of Tingey Street, S.E., and N Street, S.E., between New Jersey Avenue, S.E., abutting Squares 770, 771 and W-771, in Ward 6, as *Tingey Square*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the public square and the aforementioned portions of Tingey Street, N Street and New Jersey Avenue in S.E. abutting Squares 770, 771 and W-771. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately $190 ($65 for sign fabrication and $125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling $760.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-366 is to officially designate the public right of way located at the corner of 13th Street, N.E., and Downing Street, N.E. in Ward 5 as the *Zaire Kelly Park*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the relevant right-of-way adjacent to Squares 3942, 3950, 3952 and 4107. In fiscal terms, Council funded $150,000 to DDOT to improve the public space including adding lighting, benches, landscaping, and signage so DDOT does not require additional dollars for sign fabrication or installation. I should note, DDOT will maintain its right-of-way in this public space in case a future W Street, N.E. connection is necessary. If so, the agency will engage the Brentwood residents in a public process for the redesign of W Street, N.E. and any design or siting of a Zaire Kelly Park.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-449 is to symbolically designate S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire, N.W., and 17th Street, N.W. in Ward 2 as *Kappa Alpha Psi Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately $190 ($65 for sign fabrication and $125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling $380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-455 is to symbolically designate the 1400 Block of Minnesota Avenue, S.E. in Square 5605 in Ward 8 as *Rev. Roy Settles Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately $190 ($65 for sign fabrication and $125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling $380.

Sufficient signage requires 12 total signs, totaling $2,280. DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact these designations would have on the District’s transportation network.

Therefore, the Administration has no objection to these designations, and DDOT stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize as a result of these Bills being passed.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today. I am available to answer any questions that you may have.