

Lincoln Road NE

Pedestrian Safety Proposal

Let's Fix it Together

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Background

Lincoln Road NE is a residential road in the Edgewood and Eckington neighborhoods in NE DC. This road is currently classified by DDOT as an arterial road, meaning that DDOT thinks of it as a thoroughfare, rather than the residential road that it truly is. This makes Lincoln Road NE extremely dangerous for our densely populated neighborhoods. Let's change that!

There are five schools located along or directly off Lincoln Road NE. That means this road has 1,817 students traveling to schools located along this route each day. We have 3 elementary schools: Langley ES, Harmony PCS, and Inspired Teaching (917 students), McKinley Middle (247 students) and McKinley Tech High School (653 students). Directly on Lincoln Road NE are 2 recreation centers: Harry Thomas and Edgewood Rec with 2 playgrounds, 2 athletic fields, and a community pool. Students and neighborhood children travel this road every day and it needs to be safe for them and for all of us.

This road has excessive speeding at all times of day and night, multiple dangerous intersections, inconsistent traffic patterns, and frequent accidents ranging from fender benders to major accidents. The proposed measures are simple, low-cost and would immediately improve safety.

Major Dangers on Lincoln Road

There are three major issues along Lincoln Road NE:

1. Excessive speeding
2. Inconsistent traffic patterns
3. Blind Spots

Emergency Plan

Lincoln Road NE is currently dangerous for the students and children in our neighborhoods. These dangers need to be addressed immediately to prevent tragedy and loss of life. The community is calling on our ANC 5E Commissioners, elected official, and DDOT to take this immediate action.

We are proposing straightforward, cost-effective solutions that require no heavy construction. The plan includes adding all-way stops and enhanced crosswalks all along the route, clarifying road markings, and minimal parking disruption. These plans can and must be implemented immediately.

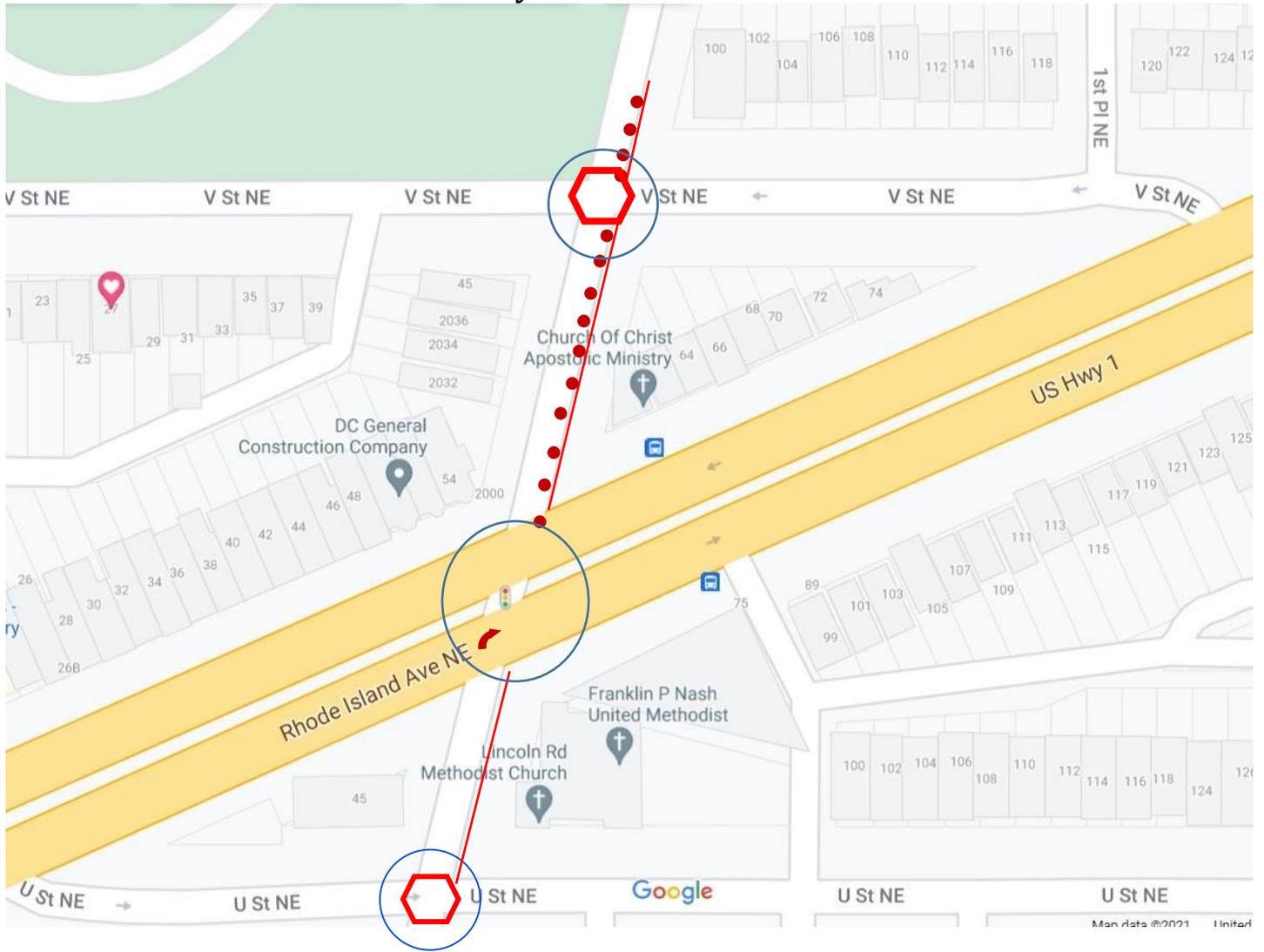
Long Term Vision

DDOT has included Lincoln Road NE in [MoveDC](#), its long term plan for DC streets. While we support this long term vision, these improvements will take years to plan and construct. We need immediate action on our emergency requests. Our emergency request do not conflict with the long term goals, but rather compliment them with solutions to make us safe now and that we can build on in the future. For more information on the long term vision, including bike lanes, Q Street closure, and others, visit [MoveDC](#) or the [Eckington Civic Association](#).

Lincoln Road NE – Pedestrian Safety – Emergency Plan

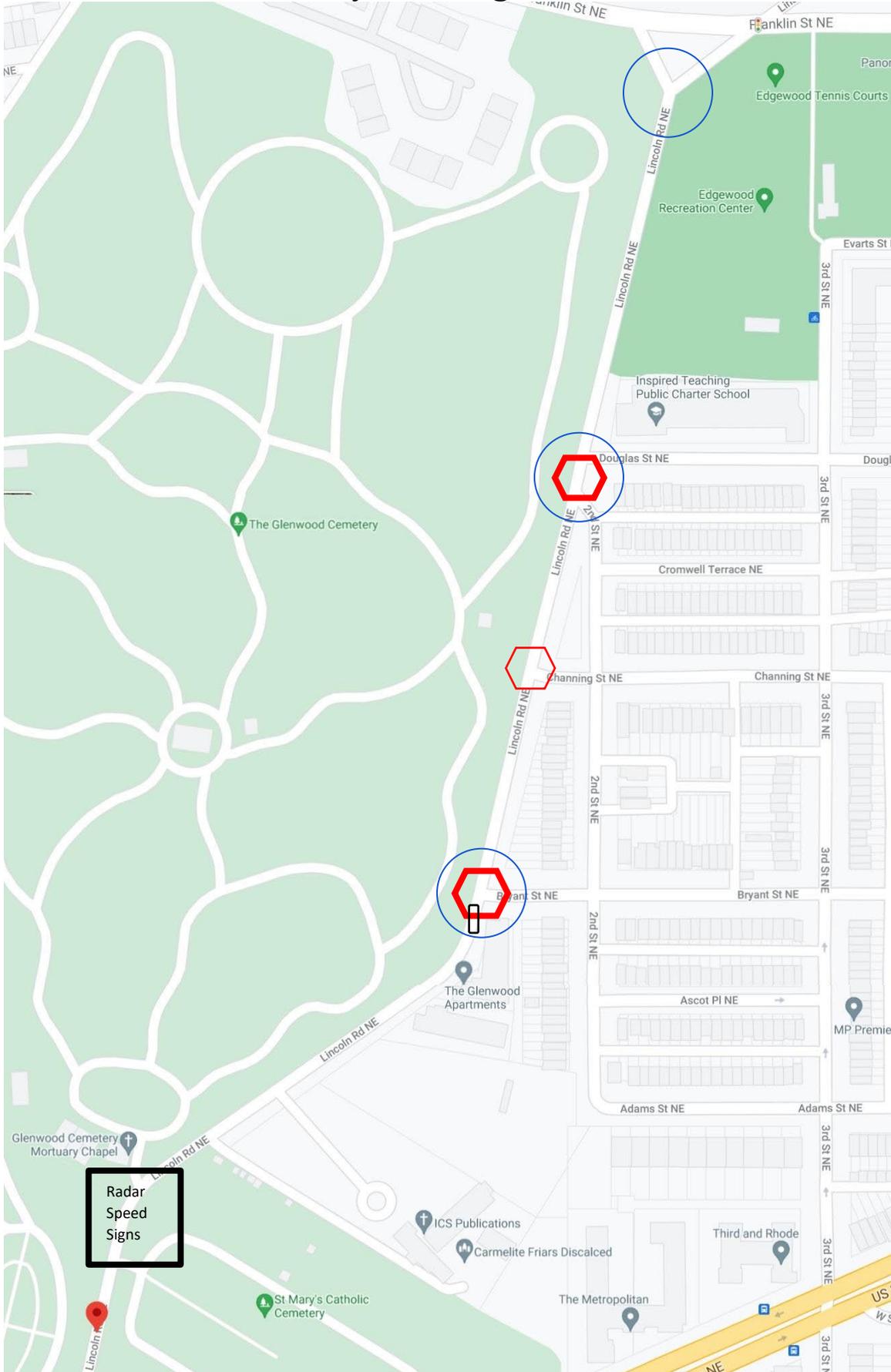
1. **Reclassify** Lincoln Road as a collector (rather than a minor arterial) as recommended in the [2013 Mid-City East Livability Study](#)
2. Add all-way **stops signs** with **enhanced crosswalks** all along Lincoln Road NE
 - a. 4-way stop at Douglas Street NE and at 2nd Street NE - include a flashing light
 - b. 3-way stop at Channing Street NE
 - c. 3-way stop at Bryant Street NE - include a flashing light
 - d. 4-way stop at V Street NE - include a flashing light
 - e. 4-way stop at U Street NE - include a flashing light
 - f. 4-way stop at Todd Place NE
 - g. 3-way stop at Seaton Place NE - add a flashing light to existing 3-way stop
 - h. 3-way stop at S Street NE
 - i. 3-way stop at Randolph Street NE
 - j. 4-way stop at Quincy Place NE
 - k. 4-way stop at Q Street NE - include a flashing light
3. Add **Radar Speed Display** to Lincoln Road between V Street NE and Bryant Street NE where speeding is most severe
4. Add flashing **15MPH speed limits** by schools and recreation centers
5. Clearly mark the entirety of Lincoln Road as **one-lane each direction**. Replace the dotted white line northbound with a solid line to clearly designate the on-street parking areas (ex. 1st Street NW and 4th Street NW)
6. **Right turn only or curb extension** – The northbound right lane of Lincoln before crossing Rhode Island Avenue should be right turn only or have a curb extension to eliminate the 2-lane northbound swerving.
7. Review and address two dangerous **blind spots** at V St and Bryant Street NE
8. Add clear **No-Parking** street and curb markings to existing no-parking areas
9. Add a **new, No-Parking** designation with street and curb markings and semi-diverters to the short section on Lincoln Road between Rhode Island Avenue and V Street NE.
 - a. This area is already no-parking during afternoon rush hour. Parking here creates a bottleneck and dangerous blind spot for drivers and pedestrians entering Lincoln Road from the 100 block of V St., the site of frequent accidents.
10. Trim foliage and trees that are obstructing visibility along Lincoln Road.
11. Add **crossing guards** at Rhode Island Avenue and Douglas St school commuting hours.

Lincoln Road NE - Pedestrian Safety Plan – Rhode Island Avenue

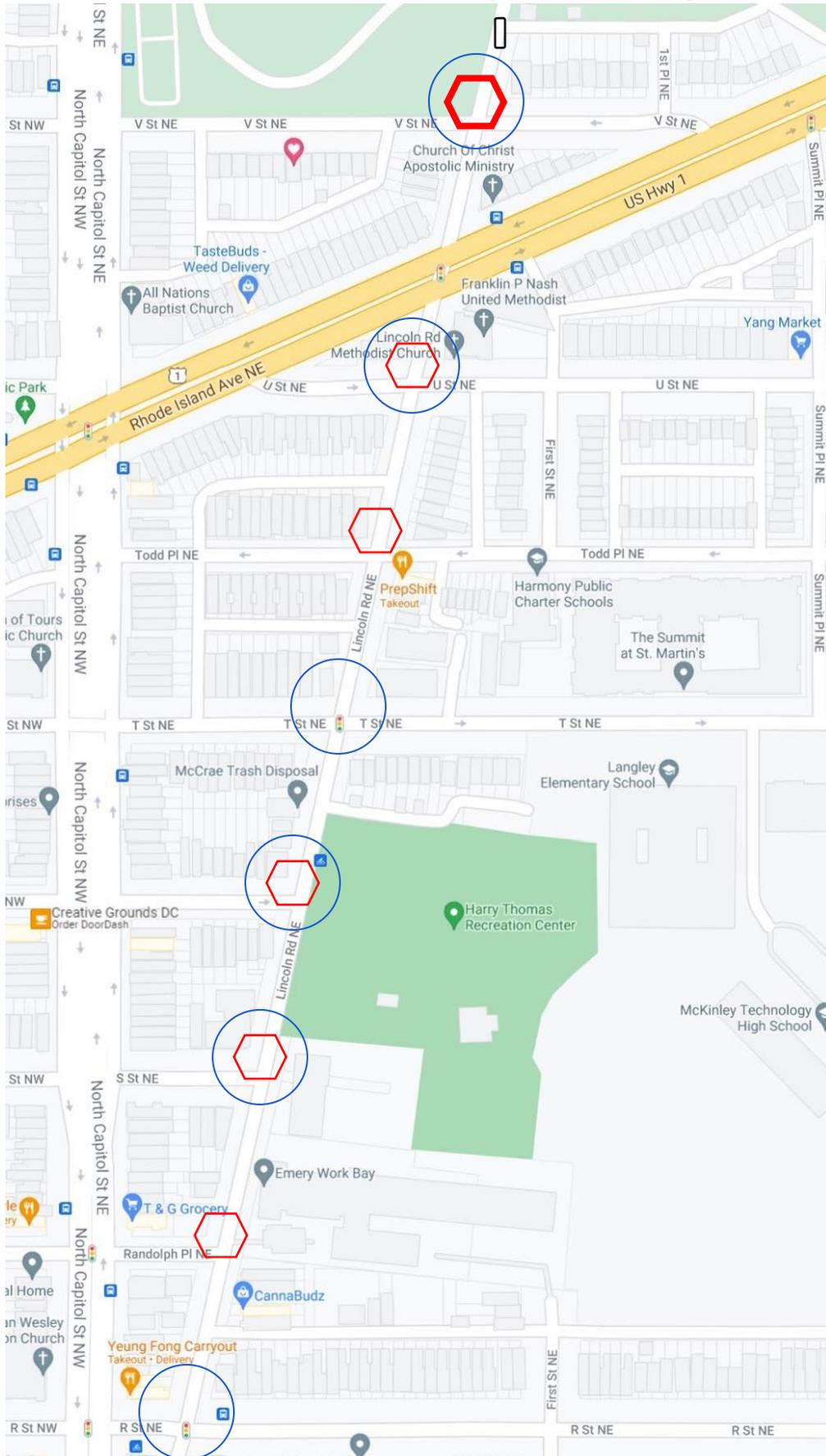


KEY	
Description	Image
3 or 4-way Stop Sign	
3 or 4-way Blinking Stop Sign	
Enhanced crosswalk	
No-Parking	
Right Lane, Right Turn Only	
Radar speed sign – both directions	
Gateway in median	

Lincoln Road NE - Pedestrian Safety Plan - Edgewood



Lincoln Road NE - Pedestrian Safety Plan - Eckington



Letter of Support – Traffic Calming Measures for Lincoln Road NE

October 2021

Dear Community Partners at DDOT,

I am writing to express support for the traffic calming measures being proposed for Lincoln Road NE. The unsafe nature of this road is another tragedy waiting to happen and our community wants to join together to implement traffic calming measures immediately.

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This road has excessive speeding at all times of day and night, multiple dangerous intersections, inconsistent traffic patterns, and frequent accidents ranging from fender benders to major accidents. The proposed measures are simple, low-cost, do not require heavy construction, are minimally disruptive to parking and would immediately improve safety.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal for appropriate traffic calming measures and for taking swift action to address these important safety concerns in our community.

Respectfully,

Enclosure: Lincoln Road NE – Traffic Calming Proposal