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19 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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21 To require the installation of curb extensions to reduce pedestrian crossing distances when the
22 District performs reconstructions and repavings of roadways.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 act may be cited as the "Curb Extensions Act of 2019".

26 Sec. 2. Required installation.

27 (a) The design of street intersections under the control of the District shall minimize the
28 distance that pedestrians are level with the roadway or otherwise unprotected by a curb from
29 vehicular parking and travel lanes through the installation of curb extensions and raised
30 crosswalks.

31 (b) New road construction, road reconstruction, and curb and gutter replacements shall

32 include the installation of curb and sidewalk intersections at intersections.

33 (c) Curb extensions and crosswalk improvements shall be prioritized in the following
34 areas:

35 (1) Routes that provide access to schools, parks, and recreational facilities;

36 (2) Sidewalks serving transit stops;

37 (3) Locations where the absence of raised crosswalks and curb extensions creates
38 substantial pedestrian safety risks; and

39 (4) Intersections where residents and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions have
40 requested raised crosswalks and curb extensions.

41 Sec. 3. Notice and design requirements.

42 (a) The Mayor shall provide notice to the affected Advisory Neighborhood
43 Commissions, and the Councilmembers of the affected Wards, prior to designing and
44 constructing raised crosswalks and curb extensions. The notice shall include:

45 (1) A statement of intent to design and construct raised crosswalks and curb
46 extensions no less than 60 days before construction is scheduled, including a 30-day period for
47 public comment on the proposed design;

48 (2) A statement of how affected parties can comment on the proposed raised
49 crosswalks and curb extensions, including a statement on how Advisory Neighborhood
50 Commissions can submit resolutions on the potential impact of the proposed project; and

51 (3) A construction schedule.

52 (b) The Mayor shall maintain for public review comments from affected parties received
53 pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section and responses thereto.

54 (c) The recommendations of the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions shall be

55 given great weight, as that term is defined in section 13(d)(3)(A) of the Advisory Neighborhood
56 Councils Act of 1975, effective March 26, 1979 (D.C. Law 1-58; D.C. Official Code § 1-
57 309.10(d)(3)(A)).

58 (d) For the purposes of this act, the term “affected parties” means residents with property
59 abutting the road intersection under consideration.

60 Sec. 4. Exemptions.

61 (a) The District Department of Transportation may be exempted from the requirements
62 of this act upon a written determination by the Director of the District Department of
63 Transportation (“Director”) that it is impractical or unnecessary to install a raised crosswalk or
64 curb extension because:

65 (1) The physical site conditions would make it unduly expensive to construct the
66 raised crosswalk or curb extension;

67 (2) The Director certifies that, due to the specific nature or design of the road
68 segment under construction, pedestrian travel across an intersection can be more safely
69 accommodated by providing a longer unprotected crossing distance; or

70 (3) The Director certifies that other safety improvements such as protected bike lanes,
71 travel lane removal, or other projects are planned which will conflict with a raised crosswalk or
72 curb extension.

73 (b) The written determination required in subsection (a) of this section shall be posted on
74 the District Department of Transportation website and made available to the Council and the
75 affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

76 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

77 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
78 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
79 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

80 Sec. 6. Effective date.

81 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
82 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
83 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
84 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; DC Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
85 Columbia Register.