

Utility needs require Klinge Road repaving

As a lifetime resident (since age 4) of Cleveland Park who is in urgent favor of the restoration of the paved two-way Klinge Road, I would like to introduce an extremely important fact that for some reason has never been mentioned in any of the welter of pro and con commentary on the problem.

It is my understanding from the Sierra Club (of which I am a member) that although its original desire was to have no road or path at all, Mayor Williams had pointed out that vehicular access to the area under the Connecticut Avenue bridge was needed to maintain the abutments of the bridge, an absolutely vital structure to carry traffic on a vital artery, and also to service the utility installations adjacent to the bridge. The mayor's hike-bike trail was to be surfaced with some mysterious substance

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that would not be impervious to water but would nonetheless not wash away as most soft-surfaced roads or trails do, and could be used by vehicles to reach the abutments and utility installations.

So could we please get on with the only sane thing that must be done if the bridge is not to fall down and cause disruptions of traffic the like of which Northwest Washington has never seen.

Rebuild the two-way paved Klinge Road that never would have washed out in the first place if it had been properly maintained.

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