



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

March 13, 2017

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Support of Improvements to 14th Street NW Bus Service

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson:

At its regular meeting on March 8, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the 14th Street NW corridor has seen a significant amount of redevelopment and renewal over the past ten years, bringing new, densely populated apartment complexes, large and small condominium and cooperative buildings, government facilities, and businesses,

WHEREAS, it is the expressed goal of the DC Government to encourage and provide safe, reliable, efficient, and diverse transportation options for the city’s residents, visitors, and suburban neighbors, including through the use of bicycle lanes, shared bicycle services, and public transportation,

WHEREAS, the city’s main public transportation system, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), has met the growing population density and ridership demands on major north-south routes by improving and adding limited stop bus service along Georgia Avenue NW and 16th Street NW in 2007 and 2009, respectively,

WHEREAS, WMATA and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a comprehensive study in 2012 to examine the feasibility of implementing improved bus service recommendations along 14th Street NW, including through the establishment of a limited-stop bus service,

WHEREAS, the 14th Street NW bus lines were selected for study because about 15,000 passengers use the lines on an average weekday, which is one of the highest levels of ridership in the Metrobus system,

WHEREAS, the 14th Street NW lines have been identified as having reliability issues and related overcrowding problems over the conducted course of the study and subsequent years,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of ANC 2B extend along 14th Street NW for several blocks,

WHEREAS, many residents of ANC 2B commute on the 14th Street NW bus lines and would benefit from limited-stop buses, which will reduce the number of riders traveling from further north on non-limited-stop routes,

WHEREAS, even more residents of ANC 2B commute on buses along 16th Street NW and adding limited-stop bus service along 14th Street NW will induce riders north of ANC 2B who are currently walking to the 16th Street bus lines to take the 14th Street bus lines instead, helping to alleviate chronic overcrowding problems on the 16th Street bus lines, to let more ANC 2B residents board the buses when they come to ANC 2B, and to dramatically improve the quality of life for ANC 2B residents,

WHEREAS, WMATA will need funding from the DC Government to implement improvements and add limited-stop bus service along 14th Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the DC Government contributed substantial financial assistance to WMATA for the initial operating costs for each of the aforementioned north-south improvements, including limited-stop bus services along Georgia Avenue NW and 16th Street NW, in the amount of \$1.2 million annually.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Government implement the recommendations for improved bus service as outlined in the 2012 Metrobus 14th Street Line Study – Final Summary Report, which include the following:


- Running time calibration
- Operations improvements
- Recommended facilities improvements
- Recommended customer information improvements
- Proposed service modifications

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that WMATA implements such improvement recommendations at the earliest possible time.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair