



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

October 28, 2017

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Acting Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: DDOT's Draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan

Dear Acting Director Marootian:

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has released the draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan (TDP) in order to guide the strategic priorities of the DC Circulator system in the coming years and is seeking public comment,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension to U Street NW, as recommended in the 2014 TDP Update, is being recommended again with a slight modification to the eastern terminus,

WHEREAS, during the public survey, approximately 82 percent of respondents ranked high interest for this extension,

WHEREAS, the proposed route extension would extend the already existing Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route by continuing the route from New Hampshire Avenue NW to Dupont Circle and P Street, then continuing north on 18th Street and then east on U Street to Howard University. Furthermore, from Howard University the bus route would return to Dupont Circle via U Street and 18th Street, then continue on to the current line via N Street,

WHEREAS, the impacts of the extension include increased ridership by extending the route to major activity centers, including three universities and the Dupont Circle "Club Central" area, adding a connection to the green and yellow Metrorail lines, and providing

transfer to the DC Circulator's Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route at 14th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the existing Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route operating days and hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 am to 12:00 am; Friday, 6:00 am to 3:00 am; Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:00 am; and Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 am, and

WHEREAS, the existing Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route operating days and hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 am to 12:00 am; Friday, 6:00 am to 3:30am; Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:30am; and Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 am.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's proposal to extend the DC Circulator's current Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to Howard University by way of 18th Street and U Street NW, as this proposed route would provide a one-seat ride along a major underserved travel corridor in the District. Such an extension would enhance mobility for residents, workers, and visitors in ANC 2B – particularly those in Dupont Circle that live directly on the existing and proposed route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to maintain the existing operating hours of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route, and to extend the weekend operating hours by 30 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights in order to accommodate for closing times of the nightclubs in the Dupont Circle area, as well as for the convenience for riders who are transferring to the DC Circulator's Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT synchronizes the last trips of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn and Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square routes so that riders are able to transfer to between the last trips on both routes at the intersection of 14th Street and U Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to approve funding that supports upgrades to maintenance capabilities so that the DC Circulator system reaches a state of good operation, and supports bus purchases in order to adequately expand the DC Circulator fleet to permit reliable operation of the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposal for the DC Government to utilize funds obtained through the Volkswagen emissions settlement in order to purchase electric buses to meet all or part of the above-mentioned needs, as supported in the previous ANC 2B resolution that was sent to Interim DDOT Director Jeff Marootian and Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Director Tommy Wells on September 27, 2017.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net), Scott Davies (2B09@anc.dc.gov), and Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@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