



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

December 5, 2019

Mr. Paul Smedberg
Chair, Board of Directors
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
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RE: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Proposed Changes to Metrobus Routes L1 and L2

Dear Chair Smedberg:

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 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 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are exploring possible changes to Metrobus routes L1 and L2 (Connecticut Avenue NW line),

WHEREAS, these routes travel through ANC 2B via Connecticut Avenue NW, providing public transportation for residents, as well as employees who work at area commercial establishments and visitors to the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle is a hub for riders transferring between buses, and between bus and Metrorail,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, ANC 2B sent a letter to WMATA supporting our recommendations for modifications to routes L1 and L2,

WHEREAS, the final WMATA service recommendations for route L1 and L2 (Connecticut Avenue NW line) include:

- Consolidate certain bus stops based on WMATA's bus stop spacing guidelines and daily average ridership thresholds,
- Modify route L1 to avoid the congested portions of Constitution Avenue NW in order to improve reliability, and

- Exploration of an alternative layover location for buses that currently serve Farragut Square.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the consolidation of stops that provide efficient service along both routes while still offering convenience and accessibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not object to the relocation of terminal stands for routes L1 and L2 in the Farragut Square area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends continuing study to improve Metrobus service providing direct connections between Dupont Circle and areas not accessible by Metrorail, as such connectivity is essential to the vitality and sustainability of residential and business growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that WMATA studies extending bus service to the Kennedy Center due to the recent opening of the Kennedy Center's REACH expansion and the possible resulting increase in bus ridership to and from the Kennedy Center.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Kari Cunningham (2B07@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kari Cunningham".

Kari Cunningham
Vice Chair

Attachment A

**ANC 2B's May 15th, 2018 Resolution
Regarding Changes to Metrobus Routes
L1 and L2**



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May 15, 2018

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Mr. Steve Strauss
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RE: Proposed Changes to Metrobus Routes L1 and L2

Dear Mr. Hamre and Mr. Strauss:

At its regular meeting on May 9, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are exploring possible changes to Metrobus routes L1 and L2 (Connecticut Avenue line),

WHEREAS, these routes travel through ANC 2B via Connecticut Avenue, providing public transportation for residents, as well as employees who work at area commercial establishments, and visitors to the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, WMATA has provided three proposals for community input, each of which offers distinct alternatives for modifying service to one or both routes, including:

- Proposal A: converting all route L1 buses to route L2 buses,
- Proposal B: terminating some route L2 buses at Woodley Park on the weekends so that, between Woodley Park and Farragut Square, buses would run every 60 minutes, as opposed to the current every 30 minutes,

- Proposal C: consolidating 15 stops between the two routes, including a stop at New Hampshire Avenue and N Street NW, which is currently serviced by route L1,

WHEREAS, Proposal A would eliminate a vital and popular route between Dupont Circle and Foggy Bottom, two densely-populated employment and commercial areas,

WHEREAS, Proposal B would create an unsatisfactory level of service on weekends between downtown and Woodley Park, with service provided to Dupont Circle en route, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that consolidating stops would provide efficient service along both routes while still offering convenience and accessibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Proposal C, including consolidating the stop at New Hampshire Avenue and N Street NW, so long as the proposal does not create undue hardship on other communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes Proposals A and B.

Commissioners Amy Johnson (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair