



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

April 26, 2021

Mr. Yohannes Eagle Bennehoff
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's H Street and I Street NW Bus Lanes Project

Dear Mr. Bennehoff,

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2021, 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 District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent #21-42-TDD for improvements to the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has previously supported the bus lanes, including the implementation of double-wide bus lanes (Appendix A), and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would improve the efficacy of the bus lanes and represent an important commitment to improving the bus network in ANC 2B and DC as a whole.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's proposal, as expressed in the Notice of Intent to upgrade the bus lanes on H Street and I Street NW, to improve bus performance and reliability, increase safety for all users, bring travel lanes up to DDOT's technical standards, and improve curbside access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to incorporate pick-up / drop-off (PUDO) and loading zones in other curb space to help promote behavior consistent with the intended purpose of the bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to clearly mark lane shifts and entry points to turning lanes in order to help promote safety and ease of operation for drivers and bicyclists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B reiterates its request that DDOT implements a permanent mechanism for enforcing compliance with safety guidelines and the permitted use of the bus lanes and shares data in a timely manner with the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to implement safety protocols based on real world behavior rather than ideal compliance.

Commissioners Mo Pasternak (2B04@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

Appendix A

**ANC 2B's October 2019 Resolution
Regarding the H Street and I Street NW
Bus Lanes Project**



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December 12, 2019

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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent to Make the Bus Lanes on H Street and I Street NW Permanent (NOI #19-004-TDD)

Dear Ms. Choudhury:

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2019, 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 (5-1-1):

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent #19-004-TDD for improvements to the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes,

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent of all bus riders in the District travel on some portion of the H Street and I Street NW bus route,

WHEREAS, the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes make for a more efficient and more sustainable use of our limited street space, and

WHEREAS, the majority of ANC 2B residents do not own cars and use transit, bicycles, walking, or another form of mobility for their routine activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Notice of Intent to make the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes permanent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to implement a permanent mechanism for enforcing compliance with the permitted use of the bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B suggests alterations to the roadway paint to improve consistency with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, such as dashing the white lane line where motorists are permitted to enter the bus lane to execute a right turn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to continue education and outreach campaign efforts for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians using corridors with bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT provides loading and pickup and drop-off (PUDO) zones on every block on the opposite side of the bus lanes in these downtown bus lane corridors, including but not limited to, the 1500 block of H Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT reviews public space permits with the Public Space Committee for conflicts with bus lanes along the corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT and the Department of For-Hire Vehicles to require geofencing along the bus lanes to avoid pickups and drop-offs from ride-hailing vehicles in bus lanes when they are active.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DDOT to analyze runtime differences attributable to the dedicated bus lanes and asks DDOT to encourage the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to reinvest these saved service hours towards routes using the dedicated bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DDOT to consider traffic signal priority at intersections along the bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT, where feasible, or where bus layover space exists along the bus lane corridor, to consider adding a second bus lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT continues monitoring these bus lanes to identify problems and solutions to ensure the continued success of their operation.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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