



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

November 3, 2017

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Acting Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: DDOT's 16th Street NW Bus Lanes Project

Dear Acting Director Marootian:

At its regular meeting on September 13, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, ANC 2B represents a neighborhood that encompasses 16th Street NW between U Street and H Street NW, with six single member districts of ANC 2B having borders that either cross or are within one block of 16th Street NW, representing approximately 12,000 constituents,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B commissioners and community members of the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee have been closely involved in the 16th Street NW Transit Priority Study and the 16th Street NW Bus Lanes Project processes since their inception in 2015, including membership in the Citizens Advisory Group, presentations to the TPI Committee, and multiple public engagement meetings, including the open house on July 27th, 2017,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B represents a very diverse neighborhood of both residents and businesses which rely upon many modes of transportation, including rail, bus, cars, bicycles, and walking, and residents of ANC 2B, particularly those with limited mobility, rely on the S-line buses for short trips for access to shopping in Columbia Heights, the Mt. Pleasant Library, and businesses and Metrorail stations on K Street and I Street NW, among other destinations,

WHEREAS, although ANC 2B recognizes that the flow of the S-line buses on 16th Street NW is not optimal, the portion of 16th Street NW south of U Street is generally not highly congested, even during peak travel hours,

WHEREAS, the area of 16th Street NW within ANC 2B is a historic district, part of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts-protected viewshed to the White House and the monuments, and part of the original L'Enfant City of Washington plan, and

WHEREAS, 16th Street NW is a vital link for ANC 2B residents who live to its east and west, particularly for access to amenities on 14th Street and 17th Street NW, is crossed by three un-signalized crosswalks at Swann Street, Corcoran Street and Church Street NW, and serves as a 'central square' for the eastern part of Dupont Circle while facilitating the walkable lifestyle that so many covet and which DC's Comprehensive Plan encourages.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the proposed Option 4 of DDOT's 16th Street NW Bus Lanes Project, including full-length, peak period, peak direction bus lanes and the restriction of parking on both sides of the street during peak times.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net), Scott Davies (2B09@anc.dc.gov), 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