

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

November 3, 2017

Mr. Jeff Marootian Acting Director District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003 jeffrey.marootian@dc.gov

RE: Proposed Bus Stop Consolidation as Part of DDOT's 16th Street NW Transit Priority Planning Study

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 (7-1-0):

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, 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 Planning Study process since its inception in 2015, including membership in the Citizen's Advisory Group, presentations to the TPI Committee, and multiple public engagement meetings, including the open house on July 27, 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 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 S-line buses on 16th Street NW is not optimal, the portion of 16th Street south of U Street is generally not highly congested, even during peak travel hours,

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, is crossed by three un-signalized crosswalks at Swann Street, Corcoran Street, and Church Street, 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,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the northbound bus stop at the intersection of 16th Street and Q Street NW is critical to the many families, seniors, theater-goers, staff members, and special needs young adults who frequent, on a daily basis, the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington DC at 1529 16th Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the northbound bus stop at the intersection of 16th Street and L Street NW is critical to the safety and convenience of many hotel and service industry workers who rely upon a bus stop located close to their place of employment early in the morning and late at night, and

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation has proposed to eliminate the northbound L Street and Q Street bus stops on 16th Street NW as part of the agency's 16th Street NW Transit Priority Planning Study.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends against the elimination of the northbound L Street and Q Street NW bus stops on 16th Street NW.

Commissioners Randy Downs (<u>randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net</u>), Scott Davies (<u>2B09@anc.dc.gov</u>), and Nicole Mann (<u>nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole Mann

Chair