

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

March 17, 2014

District Department of Transportation Terry Bellamy, Director

RE: Proposed Resolution for Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront Circulator Route

Dear Director Bellamy,

At its regular meeting on March 12, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") discussed a proposed resolution for Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront Circulator Route. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0):

WHEREAS, the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan is being revised;

WHEREAS, the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan, completed in 2011, is the city's guide to the growth of the Circulator system over a 10-year period;

WHEREAS, this plan includes in its first phase a new Circulator route between Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront via 17th Street and Connecticut Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Circulator service for the National Mall is planned to begin in 2015, the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront route (which we call the "Smithsonian Connector") will provide easy access between the National Mall, the White House, Connecticut Avenue, and Dupont Circle;

WHEREAS, the Circulator is a valuable service for tourists visiting sites who also want to see and patronize retail shops and restaurants – connecting the Mall with Connecticut Avenue;

WHEREAS, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) is currently updating the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council has also requested a report from DDOT that evaluates specific route additions not specific to this Plan;

WHEREAS, at this time the requested report does not include the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront route.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages as many new public transit options as feasible serving the residents and visitors of the Dupont Circle neighborhood

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to include the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront Circulator route in the report to ensure it is part of the revised DC Circulator Transit Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2B continues to encourage DDOT to also explore the "A to B" line we suggested in our February 2014 resolution and letter (enclosed). We find these lines complementary and not mutually exclusive.

Commissioners Stephanie Maltz (stephanie.maltz@dupontcircleanc.net), Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net), and Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Will Stephens Chairman

cc:

Bill McLeod, Executive Director, HDCMS