

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

February 25, 2014

District Department of Transportation Terry Bellamy, Director

RE: "Circulator" Bus recommendations

Dear Director Bellamy,

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") discussed proposed additional routes for the Circulator bus. 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 National Park Service has announced a pilot program to allow Circulator Buses to transport tourists and others around the Mall and to the National Monuments, with the pilot program to be subsidized in part by revenues from parking meters along the Mall, and

Whereas, the National Park Service has said it would welcome further additions to this program, should it be successful, to tie the Mall with intermodal transit options and other popular destinations in the District, and

Whereas, the western end of the Mall – with the Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial – is a "must see" tourist destination and yet is very poorly served by transit, therefore

Be it resolved that ANC 2B supports exploring the idea of creating an Circulator route from the Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial to connect to all four Metro lines, connecting with Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle, U Street, and ending at the Afro-American Civil War Memorial.

This line would begin at the Lincoln Memorial, go north on 23rd Street to connect with the Blue and Orange lines and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood at the Foggy Bottom Metro Stop. It would then proceed up New Hampshire Avenue to connect with the Red line and the Dupont Circle neighborhood at Dupont Circle. It would then continue up New Hampshire to 18th Street, and go north on 18th to U Street, where it would head east to connect with the Green line and the African-American Civil War Memorial.

This Circulator route – nicknamed A to B for "Abe's to Ben's" – would connect three vibrant, transit-dependent neighborhoods, helping residents get to work, to school, or to shop, while bringing tourists into our neighborhoods to patronize our restaurants and shops, and would provide those tourists with direct connections to four different subway lines.

This new service would benefit residents and tourists alike, while providing benefits for local businesses and additional tax revenues for the District.

Be it further resolved that Dupont Circle ANC 2B expresses its willingness to work cooperatively with other ANC's, other organizations, government agencies, and individuals to further develop this idea and make it a reality.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net</u>), Noah Smith (<u>noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net</u>), and Will Stephens (<u>will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

William J. Highens

Sincerely,

Will Stephens Chairman