



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

February 18, 2016

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo  
Director  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: DDOT's 16th Street NW Transit Priority Planning Study

Dear Mr. Dormsjo:

At its regular meeting on February 10, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. 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 (7-0-1):

WHEREAS, community members across the city and in Dupont have for years reported service and reliability problems with buses along the 16th Street corridor,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in February, 2014 recommending the expedition of necessary studies and implementation of the outstanding recommendations in the 2009 Metrobus 16th Street NW Safety & Mobility report to improve mobility, safety, and transit service for 16th Street NW, and meet the growing demand for travel in the corridor,

WHEREAS, two representatives of ANC 2B are active members of DDOT's Citizens Advisory Group and have been involved in the process of the 2015 study with the goal of providing recommendations for specific bus improvements,

WHEREAS, the recommended alternative proposed by DDOT includes a fifth, reversible bus lane in the Dupont area yet also preserves parking during off-peak hours,

WHEREAS, the recommended alternative will result in increases in level of service and reliability and reduction in travel time, and the alternative provides an opportunity to introduce new innovations to this corridor including transit signal priority, headway based services, off-board fare payment, and all-door boarding, and

WHEREAS, DDOT has responded to concerns regarding the truncation of the route at Franklin Square by eliminating this truncation of service from the recommended alternative based on community feedback.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT continue to design the “recommended alternative”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DDOT and WMATA must weigh the risks to pedestrians crossing five lanes of traffic with the benefits of a dedicated bus lane specific to the area from U Street to the Scott Circle tunnel. Should DDOT and WMATA not be able to design a suitably safe plan for pedestrians, alternatives to a fifth lane south of U Street should be presented to the community.

Commissioners Noah Smith ([noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto:noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net)) and Nicole Mann ([nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto: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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann  
Chair

cc:  
[megan.kanagy@dc.gov](mailto:megan.kanagy@dc.gov)