



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

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RE: Proposed Changes to Metrobus Routes 42 and 43

Dear Mr. Hamre and Mr. Strauss:

At its regular meeting on May 9, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are exploring possible changes to Metrobus routes 42 and 43,

WHEREAS, these routes travel through ANC 2B via Connecticut Avenue NW, providing public transportation for residents, as well as employees who work at area commercial establishments, and visitors to the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, WMATA has provided three proposals for community input, each of which offers distinct alternatives for modifying service to one or both routes, including:

- Proposal A: making Dupont Circle the southern terminus of route 42, while extending route 43 to run between Mount Pleasant and Gallery Place,

- Proposal B: routing route 42 buses run under the Dupont Circle underpass (matching route 43), which would eliminate five stops (Dupont Circle and Q Street in both directions, and R Street for northbound buses),
- Proposal C: convert some route 42 buses to route H1 buses and operate route H1 throughout the day,

WHEREAS, Proposal A would completely eliminate an option for transportation between Dupont Circle and Farragut Square/Gallery Place as well as unnecessarily force riders wishing to travel to the central business district to disembark and transfer to another route or to Metrorail, the latter at an additional cost,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that routing route 42 buses under the Dupont Circle underpass will, overall, provide more efficient service and reduce traffic in Dupont Circle, especially during morning and evening rush hour, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B unanimously passed a detailed resolution on July 12, 2017 in support of expanded route H1 service between Brookland/CUA and Potomac Park/Foggy Bottom to fill a gap in transit service between and among densely-populated employment centers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends a combination of Proposals B and C, specifically that both route 42 and route 43 buses utilize the Dupont Circle underpass and that a designated number of route 42 buses are converted in order to introduce all-day, weekday, bi-directional service on route H1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests, if Proposal A is adopted, that WMATA consider creating a transit concession that would allow route 42 riders to transfer for free from the bus to Metrorail at Dupont Circle station.

Commissioners Amy Johnson (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair