

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

September 18, 2018

Mr. Matthew Marcou Chair, Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation 1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20004 PublicSpace.Committee@dc.gov

RE: Public Space Application by Academy Bus for the Use of 5 Non-Meter Parking Spaces as an Intercity Bus Stop at 1330 19th Street NW (DDOT #10679260)

## Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on September 12, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, Academy Bus proposes a new bus loading zone for intercity bus service at 1330 19th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the application is within the Dupont Circle neighborhood and within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is supportive of intercity bus service originating in the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, several ANC 2B Commissioners and many constituents use these bus services for convenient and inexpensive direct service to other cities, including New York,

WHEREAS, there used to be an intercity bus loading zone at the proposed location which was moved to the south side of the 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue NW due to the negative impact on the sidewalk cafes on the 1300 block of 19th Street NW from bus loading and idling,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned about idling of intercity buses for longer than permissible under DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR 20-900),

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the only acceptable locations for intercity bus service are along blocks which do not enjoy commercial or residential development and which feature appropriate waiting and loading areas on the sidewalk,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that proximity to the Dupont Circle Metrorail Station is an important criterion for an acceptable location to promote the use of public transportation,

WHEREAS, based on the previously-mentioned criteria, ANC 2B has identified suitable intercity bus stop locations as being the south side of the 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue NW where Best Bus currently has a permit for intercity bus service and the west side of the 1600 block of Connecticut Avenue NW where Washington Deluxe currently has a permit for intercity bus service,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B does not believe that there are currently any additional curbside zones within the ANC that meet the criteria for appropriate service with minimal impacts on commercial or residential operators, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages intercity bus operators wishing to serve Dupont Circle to share the two existing curbside zones, although the ANC is concerned about potential impacts of conflict sourced from competing bus schedules among multiple operators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes Academy Bus' public space application as proposed due to its impact on commercial operators and patrons of sidewalk cafes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B would support a permit for Academy Bus intercity bus service from Dupont Circle if the service could be provided at a one of the two currently-existing intercity bus stops in ANC 2B, requiring the sharing of existing curbside space dedicated to intercity bus service, provided that there is adequate management of the shared space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Public Space Committee develops and disseminates guidelines for the shared use of intercity bus service curbside space to ensure that schedules are coordinated among operators so that the impact of a shared curbside space is similar to that of one operator.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>2B06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Dame Warnick

Chair