



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

September 24, 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 BoltBus for the Use of 5 Non-Meter Parking Spaces as an Intercity Bus Stop at 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW (DDOT #10602966)

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, BoltBus proposes to share space for a loading zone for intercity bus service at 1630 Connecticut Avenue 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, 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,

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

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, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is dismayed to learn that the District Department of Transportation has seemingly allowed BoltBus to operate from the 1600 block of Connecticut Avenue NW since April of 2018 without completing the official permitting process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports BoltBus' public space application to operate intercity bus service at 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, provided that there is adequate management of the shared space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that BoltBus instructs drivers on intercity bus routes of the relevant DC Municipal Regulations and takes all necessary steps to ensure adherence.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B finds it unacceptable that the District Department of Transportation has allowed a private company to use public space for the past five months without proper permitting and requests that the Public Space Committee requires all applicants to fully complete the permitting process prior to being formally or informally allowed to use public space.

Commissioners Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Amy Johnson (2B01@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 style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Warwick
Chair