

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

April 26, 2019

Councilmember Mary Cheh Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 108 Washington, DC 20004 mcheh@dccouncil.us

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
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RE: Proposed Investments in a K Street NW Transitway

Dear Councilmember Cheh and Director Marootian:

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2019, 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 (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, one of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) currently proposed projects is "K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization," also known as the K Street NW Transitway,

WHEREAS, part of the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project, from 15th Street NW to 20th Street NW, is within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the goal of the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project is to reconfigure K Street NW between Mt. Vernon Square and Washington Circle to make more efficient and effective use of the right of way for multimodal travel, including dedicated center lanes for buses,

WHEREAS, the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project will result in improvements to benefit mass transit passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists,

WHEREAS, K Street NW between Mt. Vernon Square and Washington Circle is the primary east/west bus route through the central business district,

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser has included \$122 million in her fiscal year 2020 budget proposal to fund the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has a long-standing record of supporting walking, biking, and the use of public transportation, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in June of 2017 that urged the DC Council to restore funding for the completion of the DC Streetcar extension down K Street NW to Georgetown (Attachment A).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the inclusion of funding for the K Street Reconstruction and Revitalization project in DC's fiscal year 2020 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to including dedicated center bus lanes in the K Street NW Transitway design, ANC 2B encourages DDOT to prioritize safer accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists, including, but not limited to, consideration of protected bike lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT's plans for the K Street NW Transitway be compatible with the proposed DC Streetcar extension down K Street NW to Georgetown, including by potentially installing the streetcar track as part of the construction of the transitway.

Commissioners Randy Downs (<u>2B05@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.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Chair

Attachment A

Resolution Adopted by ANC 2B on June 14th, 2017



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November 15, 2017

Chairman Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004 pmendelson@dccouncil.us

RE: Restoration of Funding for the Completion of the Proposed DC Streetcar Extension to Georgetown

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

At its regular meeting on June 14, 2017, 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 (4-1-3):

WHEREAS, the District has already established the H Street/Benning Road line of the DC Streetcar, which has resulted in the demonstrated use of the service far exceeding projected ridership estimates and the tremendous growth of the adjacent neighborhood,

WHEREAS, the DC Streetcar project has spurred a good deal of investment along the H Street NW corridor and has given our community hope that the city is committed to initiatives that promote economic development and enhanced public transit options across the city,

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the streetcar line down K Street NW to Georgetown through downtown would serve as a vital link between cross sections of the city and an important public transportation option for commuters and residents where few east-west links currently exist, and

WHEREAS, a reversal of the DC Streetcar's expansion plan to Georgetown would undercut many assumptions built into development plans for the area, and would remove the needed east-west connection between developed and developing parts of the city.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council to restore funding for the completion of the DC Streetcar extension down K Street NW to

Georgetown so that it can serve as a viable form of transit for residents in our neighborhood and others throughout the District.

Commissioners Randy Downs (<u>randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net</u>), Scott Davies (<u>2B09@anc.dc.gov</u>), and Nicole McEntee (<u>nicole.mcentee@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole McEntee

Chair