

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

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Ms. Raka Choudhury
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent to Make the Bus Lanes on H Street and I Street NW Permanent (NOI #19-004-TDD)

Dear Ms. Choudhury:

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-1-1):

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent #19-004-TDD for improvements to the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes,

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent of all bus riders in the District travel on some portion of the H Street and I Street NW bus route,

WHEREAS, the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes make for a more efficient and more sustainable use of our limited street space, and

WHEREAS, the majority of ANC 2B residents do not own cars and use transit, bicycles, walking, or another form of mobility for their routine activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Notice of Intent to make the H Street and I Street NW bus lanes permanent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to implement a permanent mechanism for enforcing compliance with the permitted use of the bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B suggests alterations to the roadway paint to improve consistency with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, such as dashing the white lane line where motorists are permitted to enter the bus lane to execute a right turn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to continue education and outreach campaign efforts for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians using corridors with bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT provides loading and pickup and drop-off (PUDO) zones on every block on the opposite side of the bus lanes in these downtown bus lane corridors, including but not limited to, the 1500 block of H Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT reviews public space permits with the Public Space Committee for conflicts with bus lanes along the corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT and the Department of For-Hire Vehicles to require geofencing along the bus lanes to avoid pickups and drop-offs from ride-hailing vehicles in bus lanes when they are active.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DDOT to analyze runtime differences attributable to the dedicated bus lanes and asks DDOT to encourage the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to reinvest these saved service hours towards routes using the dedicated bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DDOT to consider traffic signal priority at intersections along the bus lanes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT, where feasible, or where bus layover space exists along the bus lane corridor, to consider adding a second bus lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT continues monitoring these bus lanes to identify problems and solutions to ensure the continued success of their operation.

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