



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

July 15, 2010

Richard Sarles, General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Consideration of resolution in support of “virtual tunnel” between Farragut West and Farragut North Metro stations

Mr. Sarles:

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With nine of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (9-0):

Whereas, the idea of linking the Farragut North and Farragut West metro stations has been around for a long time, including being discussed in a 1994 Washington Post article;

Whereas, such a tunnel should have been built at the time of original Metro construction;

Whereas, the technology exists to employ a virtual tunnel, allowing Metro riders to leave one Farragut station and enter the other station within a certain time window;

Whereas, such a virtual tunnel would greatly reduce crowding at Metro Center and shorten commutes, thus encouraging ridership;

Whereas, the walking time between Farragut stations is minimal — less than 1-2 minutes for most;

Whereas, Metro is now working on many significant changes and upgrades to the system, and now would be a perfect time to implement the virtual tunnel, which would cost only a tiny fraction of Metro’s capital construction and renovation projects; and

Whereas, ANC 2B is confident Metro will be able to address the problem of limited computer memory in the existing fare gates;

Resolved that ANC 2B requests Metro to implement as soon as possible a virtual tunnel between the two Farragut Stations.

Mike Feldstein is the Commission's representative in this matter. You can reach him at mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net or by telephone at 202-462-0647 for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Will Stephens, Chair

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