



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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Jim Hamre

Director, Office of Metrobus Planning, Scheduling, and Customer Facilities

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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RE: Metrobus Service Changes and Bus Stop Consolidation on Pennsylvania Ave. (30-Line)

Dear Director Hamre,

At its regular meeting on September 17, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (**"ANC 2A"** or **"Commission"**) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (**"WMATA"** or **"Metro"**) recently made several bus service adjustments to the 30-Line (Pennsylvania Avenue), effective on August 24th;

WHEREAS some of these changes had been conceptually discussed in studies of the 30-Line;

WHEREAS these changes included the truncation of Routes 32 and 36 in Foggy Bottom at 21st Street and Virginia Avenue, as opposed to their former termini in Friendship Heights;

WHEREAS crosstown service from Friendship Heights to Naylor Road will be shifted onto a new Route 30N, operating approximately once every hour;

WHEREAS Route 33 has been introduced to provide additional service, primarily along Wisconsin Avenue, between Friendship Heights and Archives, supplementing the continuation of Route 31 along most of the same route to Foggy Bottom;

WHEREAS Metro has also elected to effect a series of bus stop discontinuations at the same time that it has restructured line service, including the elimination of westbound service at a stop located at Pennsylvania Avenue and 26th Street, NW (Stop #1001299);

WHEREAS this stop has been utilized by residents of the Westbridge Condominium and other nearby buildings, including many who are senior citizens, car-free, and/or disabled;

WHEREAS the nearest westbound stop is located across the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge in Georgetown at 28th Street, a considerable walk for many and one that will become tenuous



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when the District Department of Transportation (**DDOT**) begins its rehabilitation work on the aforementioned bridge;

WHEREAS this stop, and the next-closest at 24th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, have no structure nearby for bus passengers to shelter under in the event of inclement weather, as the stop at 26th Street did with the Westbridge building’s overhang;

WHEREAS WMATA announced and implemented these service changes entirely within the month of August, a month in which many residents go out-of-town and in which most ANCs and civic groups don’t hold meetings;

WHEREAS residents in several impacted neighborhoods have expressed concern about the changes, and what they perceive to be a limited opportunity for public comment on them; and

WHEREAS residents in ANC 2A have previously opposed the elimination of bus stops on Pennsylvania Avenue in-between Washington Circle and Rock Creek.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that WMATA restore the bus stop located at the intersection of 26th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while ANC 2A appreciates WMATA’s intent to improve service reliability and frequency for the 30-Line, it urges Metro to reach out proactively to affected communities in the future to apprise them of any imminent changes well before they are made – even where traditional public meetings may not be strictly required by law.

Commissioners Rebecca Coder (rebeccacoder@me.com), and Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov) are the commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

cc: The Honorable Jack Evans; Councilmember, Ward 2
cc: The Honorable Muriel Bowser; Member, WMATA Board
cc: The Honorable Rebecca Coder; Commissioner, ANC 2A02
cc: Ms. Regina Sullivan; Managing Director, Office of Government Relations and Policy, WMATA
cc: Ms. Ann Chisholm; D.C. Government Relations Officer, WMATA
cc: Mr. Steve Strauss; Deputy Associate Director, DDOT