

Sponsors: Vice-Chairperson Trupti Patel (2A03)

Introduced: April 12, 2024

Title: A Resolution Regarding Budget Oversight and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority.

1 **WHEREAS**, At its regular meeting in February 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A
2 (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) adopted a resolution¹ addressed to the Committee of
3 Transportation and the Environment around the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority
4 (WMATA) performance,

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6 **WHEREAS**, At its regular meeting in March 2024, ANC 2A adopted a resolution addressed to
7 the Committee of Transportation and the Environment around the Washington Metropolitan
8 Transit Authority (WMATA) performance oversight hearing,

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10 **WHEREAS**, in December 2023, WMATA announced² there would be a \$750 million shortfall
11 with drastic cuts to services beginning in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget that begins on July 1,
12 2024,

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14 **WHEREAS**, These cuts would account for a 67% reduction in service, which impacts the ability
15 of workers to get to and from their jobs within the DMV region,

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17 **WHEREAS**, On February 1, 2024, a joint letter³ was sent by Mayor Bowser, Chairman
18 Mendelson, and Councilmember Allen, addressed to WMATA Board Members and General

¹ [ANC-2A-RESOLUTION-WMATA-2023-Performance-Oversight-DC-COUNCIL.pdf \(anc2a.org\)](#)

² [Facing massive budget shortfall, Metro releases budget proposal that slashes service and increases fares | WMATA](#)

³ [Mayor Muriel Bowser on X: "Metro plays a critical role in the economic success of our city, the revitalization of Downtown, & the vitality of our entire region. We are committed to paying our fair share &](#)

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19 Manager Randy Clarke, committing \$200 million for WMATA operations in the FY 2025

20 budget in response to the budget crisis echoed by WMATA in December 2023,

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22 **WHEREAS**, The State of Maryland has committed \$150 million, and the Commonwealth of

23 Virginia has committed \$130 million, to fund WMATA operations for the DMV region,

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25 **WHEREAS**, On April 3, 2024, Mayor Bowser released the FY 2025 D.C. budget proposal

26 awarding WMATA⁴ \$217 million to ensure that there would no budget shortfall for WMATA’s

27 ability to continue operations,

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29 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2A requires that WMATA accept the

30 recommendations in the Feb 1, 2024 letter by Mayor Bowser, Chair manMendelson, and

31 Councilmember Allen to stay afloat:

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33 ● That WMATA minimize dipping into money set aside for preventative maintenance to
34 cover its general operating budget,

35 ● That WMATA considers freezing any new capital projects that “do not contribute to a
36 state of good repair.”

[working with regional and federal partners to put WMATA on a financially stable & sustainable path.](https://t.co/4twQG06ibH)
<https://t.co/4twQG06ibH> / X (twitter.com)

⁴ [Mayor Bowser Presents Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal. A Fair Shot: Strategic Investments and Shared Sacrifice | mayorb \(dc.gov\)](https://www.mayorbowser.com/news/2024/04/03/mayor-bowser-presents-fiscal-year-2025-budget-proposal-a-fair-shot-strategic-investments-and-shared-sacrifice)

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38 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the FY 2025 Budget allotment for

39 WMATA should meet its core and critical mission, which is to provide the public with a safe,

40 efficient, and affordable means of travel.