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April 28, 2025

Mr. Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council Member, Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Environment 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 110 Washington DC, 20004

## **RE:** Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Oversight Performance 2025

At its regular meeting on April 15, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With all six commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo, adopted the following resolution by unanimous consent:

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting in February 2024, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") adopted a resolution addressed to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) performance;

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2025, the Committee on Transportation and the Environment held its Performance Oversight Hearing for WMATA;

**WHEREAS**, WMATA General Manager Randy Clarke committed to centering a metro transit system that is safe, frequent, and reliable when he began his term in the summer of 2022;

**WHEREAS**, WMATA has proposed, in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget, to open one hour earlier and close one hour later during weekend service<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in December 2023, WMATA announced the launch<sup>2</sup> of a 24/7 bus route to better serve second- and third-shift workers and late-night riders;

**WHEREAS**, over the course of 2024, there were 14 routes with 24/7 bus service, and between the hours of 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM, those routes served 316,694 riders;

**WHEREAS**, WMATA has, for the past year, operated at peak service levels across all hours and every day, resulting in increased ridership;

**WHEREAS**, the impact of widespread federal layoffs, along with both federal and District initiatives promoting "return to office," has shifted commuting patterns;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metro Board of Directors approves \$4.957 billion FY2026 budget that improves service without raising fares | WMATA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metro announces launch of 24/7 Bus Service Across DC | WMATA

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**WHEREAS**, within the boundaries of ANC 2A are the George Washington University Hospital, several schools, and numerous restaurants and hotels, whose employees rely on WMATA;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that ANC 2A advises the Committee on Transportation and the Environment to treat WMATA as essential and critical when evaluating recommendations put forward by WMATA to improve service for riders;

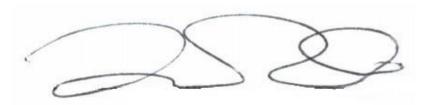
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ANC 2A puts forward the following recommendations for WMATA to meet its commitment to provide more efficient and effective service:

- Prioritize preserving routes that serve schools and hospitals when evaluating potential service changes;
- Increase the frequency of buses during the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on routes with stops classified as "school pick-ups and drop-offs";
- For routes that run 24/7 along business corridors, increase frequency to every ten minutes during second and third shifts.

Commissioner Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Chairperson Trupti J Patel (she/her) Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Historic Foggy Bottom Single Member District 2A03

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