



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

February 25, 2026

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

RE: Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Oversight Performance 2026

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of six commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Chairperson Patel and seconded by Commissioner Dolan, adopted the following resolution by (4-0-1):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A represents residents, workers, and visitors in Foggy Bottom, West End, and the George Washington University area, many of whom rely on Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) for daily transportation; and

WHEREAS, WMATA is a critical transit provider for service-sector and hospitality workers who depend on frequent, reliable, and affordable late-night and early-morning service; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A recognizes and commends WMATA for recent improvements in service reliability, reduced headways, and the decision to maintain fare stability during a period of economic volatility; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A participated in the planning process for the Better Bus Network redesign, which was developed using ridership data, post-pandemic travel trends, and an equity framework intended to improve access to frequent service and essential destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Network redesign has received mixed feedback from ANC 2A residents, particularly where heavily used routes in Foggy Bottom were replaced, resulting in longer walking distances and unintended neighborhood impacts; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A adopted resolutions requesting the extension of the former D74 and D12 (now D10) routes to the Kennedy Center and the restoration of stops along 23rd Street NW, changes that have reduced walking times by up to 30 minutes for some riders; and



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WHEREAS, ANC 2A has received repeated complaints regarding WMATA buses operating on the C85 and D10 routes staging and idling overnight—approximately between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.—at or near New Hampshire Avenue NW and 24th Street NW, a residential area; and

WHEREAS, this overnight idling has resulted in significant noise, sleep disruption, and potential health and air-quality impacts for nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, residents of ANC 2A have expressed concern regarding the visible presence of National Guard and ICE agents at Metro stations, noting that such enforcement does not increase their sense of safety and may undermine rider trust, particularly among immigrant and service-worker communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A urges WMATA to conduct and publish a post-implementation review of the Better Bus Network impacts within ANC 2A, including a clear process and timeline for addressing documented neighborhood and quality-of-life concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A calls on WMATA to immediately cease the use of residential bus stops or intersections within ANC 2A as overnight staging or holding areas and to identify alternative non-residential locations for such operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A requests WMATA implement and enforce strict overnight idling mitigation measures, including engine shutoff protocols, time limits, or relocation of staging activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A requests written responses from WMATA addressing:

1. The authorization and rationale for overnight bus staging at residential locations;
2. The criteria used to select staging locations; and
3. The immediate and long-term steps WMATA will take to mitigate resident impacts; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ANC 2A urges the D.C. Council to maintain strong oversight of WMATA safety and enforcement practices, prioritize rider trust and equitable safety outcomes, and protect local control and funding for the transit system; and

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.



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Sincerely,

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

CC:

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