



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

May 20, 2026

Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment
The John Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC, 2004

RE: Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Oversight Performance 2026

Resolution on **REQUESTING BUDGET SUPPORT FOR WMATA BETTER BUS FIXES**

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six 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 Comer, adopted the following resolution by (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2A represents residents, workers, and visitors in Foggy Bottom, the West End, and the George Washington University area; and

WHEREAS, many within ANC 2A rely on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) for daily transportation, including late-night and early-morning travel; and

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

WHEREAS, following the launch, WMATA has continued to receive feedback from the public noting overlooked items and requesting future service adjustments, and this wishlist has grown to include service changes necessitated by the cancellation of the Circulator in December 2024 and DC Streetcar in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, in preparing its FY 2027 budget, WMATA worked with D.C. representatives to prepare a package of service fixes and improvements to address these identified gaps to launch in December 2026, which include (The [full list](#) of what this \$6 million funds):

Route Changes:

Route	Wards	Changes



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D2X (H Street Express from downtown to H St, RFK Area, Capitol Heights)	2, 5, 6, 7	Add weekend service every 15 min
D70 (Downtown-Connecticut Avenue-Chevy Chase)	1, 2, 3	Add overnight service on all nights every 20 minutes
D74 (Foggy Bottom-Adams Morgan-Columbia Heights-Fort Totten-Brookland)	1, 2, 5	Add overnight service on all nights every 20 minutes
D32 (Downtown-Rhode Island Avenue)	2, 5	Add overnight service every 20 min
D36 (Downtown-Ivy City-Washington Hospital Center)	2, 5	Reroute to restore connection to Edgewood senior housing in Ward 5

and

WHEREAS, WMATA requested public comment on these proposed changes, and the response from [751 comments was 95% or more in favor](#); and

WHEREAS, WMATA initially projected that D.C.’s contribution to WMATA for FY 2027 would be \$746 million, but after identifying further savings, the estimated subsidy would be \$743 million, including \$6 million for these service fixes, and just 0.8% more than last year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor in her proposed FY 2027 budget included \$743 million for WMATA operating subsidy, including the \$6 million for these service fixes; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless, at the April 23 WMATA Board meeting, D.C. representative Valerie Santos [moved an amendment](#) to strip the \$6 million of service fixes from the proposed budget stating that the Mayor had requested it and that it would be up to the D.C. Council to commit the funding to WMATA, and the amendment passed over the objection of the other D.C. representative, Dr. Tracy Hadden Loh; and



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WHEREAS, these bus service fixes across all eight wards, which were developed as a result of community input including ANC requests, fix some of the highest priority mistakes or overlooked items from the Better Bus implementation and Circulator and Streetcar discontinuances, received strong public support, and should be committed to WMATA; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to retain and restore \$6 million in the WMATA operating budget for the proposed bus service fixes removed by the Santos amendment.

Commissioner Trupti J. Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Trupti J. Patel
Chairperson

CC:

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