Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Bus Priority Resolution

Dear Mayor Bowser:

On March 13, 2019, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned application came before us. The commissioners voted 5:1 to support the following resolution developed by Greater Greater Washington:

WHEREAS, many residents of ANC 6C travel by bus, but bus speeds and ridership have been declining in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, buses serve people of all incomes, but disproportionately are the transit-mode of choice for lower-income residents and are more accessible than many other alternative modes of transit; and

WHEREAS, to improve transit speed and reliability, cities such as Seattle, San Francisco, Boston, and New York have made significant investments in adding bus priority treatments, such as bus lanes and transit signal priority; and

WHEREAS, improving bus reliability and speed is essential in our neighborhood and across the District of Columbia if we are going to serve residents’ mobility needs and meet the District’s own established Sustainable DC 2.0 goals by 2032 (50% of commutes by transit, 25% by walking and biking, and 25% by car); and

WHEREAS, moving people safely and efficiently through ANC 6C is a top priority for our neighborhood, and fast, reliable bus corridors are one of the most efficient ways to do that; and

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C urges Mayor Bowser and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to implement a citywide network of priority bus corridors.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6C urges Mayor Bowser and DDOT to learn from past failures on bus-only lanes and strictly enforce bus-only lanes, including rapid ticketing of car drivers using the bus-only lanes and hard separation between bus-only lanes and general traffic wherever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6C understands that supporting DDOT’s bus prioritization strategy involves changes to existing street infrastructure and bus policies, including:

* The creation of bus-only lanes on certain corridors
* Signal priority for buses on certain corridors
* Balancing of current bus stops
* Changes to on-street parking or turn movements in some cases
* Systems for riders to pay before boarding and board using all doors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6C will work proactively with our neighbors and community institutions to problem-solve and smoothly implement these changes as they relate to our ANC with the understanding that moving more residents and guests via bus faster and more reliably is better for our neighborhood, for the District of Columbia, and for the planet.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

cc: Deputy Mayor Brian Kenner
    DDOT Director Jeff Marootian
    Councilmember Charles Allen
    DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment Chair Mary Cheh
    DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and at-large members Anita Bonds, David Grosso, Elissa Silverman, and Paul White
    WMATA General Manager Paul Wiedefeld

On behalf of ANC6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair