



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown and Hillandale

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Mr. Leif Dormsjo  
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**RE: Proposal to Eliminate the Wisconsin Avenue NW Portion of the DC Circulator's Georgetown – Union Station Route as Part of DDOT's 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan Update**

Dear Director Dormsjo,

On June 29, 2017 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has recommended that the section of the DC Circulator's Georgetown – Union Station route between M Street NW and Whitehaven Parkway on Wisconsin Avenue be discontinued because of low ridership,

WHEREAS, this Circulator route opened in 2005. It serves the activity centers of upper Georgetown / lower Wisconsin Avenue, Foggy Bottom, and the West End, and is the only bus route that runs along the entirety of the K Street NW corridor from Wisconsin Avenue to Mount Vernon Square,

WHEREAS, in a technical study by DDOT in June of 2014, the average number of passengers boarding per revenue hour for all Circulator routes between 2010 and 2014 was 31. The Georgetown – Union Station route had 32 passengers boarding per revenue hour. In comparison, the Navy Yard route had an average of 18 passengers boarding per revenue hour. Two additional findings regarding the Georgetown – Union Station route from that study are:

COMMISSIONERS:

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- On weekdays during peak periods, many trips are overcrowded and more frequent service is needed.
- On Saturdays during the middle of the day, many trips are overcrowded and more frequent service is needed.

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Business Improvement District subsidizes a program that allows passengers to ride the Circulator north on Wisconsin Avenue on weekends if passengers board in Georgetown. Additionally, there are no public parking garages in upper Georgetown north of P Street NW,

WHEREAS, the Circulator's Georgetown – Union Station route provides an important means for customers to get to the businesses in upper Georgetown. The Wisconsin Avenue corridor has a unique mix of retail and restaurants,

WHEREAS, the communities of Glover Park, Georgetown, and Burleith are strongly opposed to the elimination of the Circulator service in upper Georgetown, and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown leadership is currently working with DDOT to improve the bus headways for the section of the Circulator route along Wisconsin Avenue NW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of the overwhelming support from the resident and business communities along Wisconsin Avenue NW to maintain the section of the Georgetown – Union Station DC Circulator route from M Street NW to Whitehaven Parkway, ANC 2E opposes the District Department of Transportation's proposal to discontinue this section of the route and urges DDOT to work with community leaders to explore ways to increase ridership along this section of the route.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons  
Chair, ANC 2E