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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CALLING FOR KEY ADJUSTMENTS TO WMATA'S 2025 PROPOSED BUS NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates transit service in the Washington metropolitan area, including Metrobus routes; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2023 ANC 5B passed a Resolution in Support of Councilmember Parker's FY 2024 Budget Requests and Transit and Traffic Safety Priorities (5-0-0) which included calling for more frequent service on the 80, G8, and D8 bus routes, advancing priority bus service on Michigan and Rhode Island Avenues, adopting more frequent service on the R4, E2, H6, 83, 86, T14, and T18 bus routes, and restoring G9, B8, and B9 bus service; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2023, WMATA released their Better Bus draft Visionary Network, billed as, "the future bus network our region needs," which included:

(1) a proposed DC110 line comparable to the 80 bus with at least 12-minute headways and 24 hour service,

(2) a proposed DC210 line comparable to the G8 bus with at least 20-minute headways and service weekdays and weekends until 1:30 AM,

(3) a proposed DC211 line comparable to the D8 bus with at least 20-minute headways,

(4) a proposed MD343 line comparable to the R4 bus to improve bus service on Michigan Avenue with all day 30-minute headways,

(5) a proposed DC208 line comparable to the E2 bus to improve bus service with all day 20-minute headways,

(6) a proposed DC212 line comparable to the H6 bus to improve bus service with all day 20-minute headways,
(7) a proposed DC214 line comparable to restoring the G9 bus, as well as,
(8) a proposed DC206 line comparable to the H8/H9 with at least 15-minute headways and service starting at 4:30 AM weekdays, and
(9) a proposed DC207 line running for the entire length of South Dakota NE from Fort Lincoln to Fort Totten; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024, WMATA released their Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network, which includes, "a network of bus routes that better connect the region," as well as, "improved service, especially during evenings and weekends," which includes:
(1) a proposed D30 line comparable to the 80 bus with 15-20 minute headways and 24 hour service,
(2) a proposed D34 line comparable to the G8 bus with 20-30 minute headways and service ending at 12:00 AM (midnight),
(3) a proposed D36 line comparable to the D8 bus with 20-30 minute headways,
(4) a proposed P33 line comparable to the R4 bus with 20-30 minute headways,
(5) a proposed C71 line comparable to the E2 bus with 20-30 minute headways,
(6) a proposed C63 line comparable to the H6 bus with 30 minute headways,
(7) a proposed D32 line comparable to restoring the G9 bus with 20-30 minute headways, morning/evening rush service with 10 minute headways, and service starting at 5:00 AM,
(8) a proposed D74 line comparable to the H8/H9 with 15-30 minute headways and service starting at 5:00 AM weekdays, and
(9) eliminated the proposed DC207 line and does not propose to offer service running for the entire length of South Dakota NE from Fort Lincoln to Fort Totten;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 5B supports the service improvements in WMATA's Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network, especially the D30, D36, P33, C71, C63, D32, and D74; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5B urges WMATA to restore late night service to the proposed D34 as the existing G8 bus runs until 2:00 AM and without it, there will be no bus service after midnight for any location within Commission 5B except for the P40 (T18 bus) running until 2:00 AM on Rhode Island Avenue and 24 hour service provided by the D30 (80 bus), the C61 (H2/H4 bus), and the C41 (B2 bus); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5B urges WMATA to re-add service equivalent to the proposed DC207 line, which would run for the entire length of South Dakota Avenue NE, from Fort Lincoln to Fort Totten; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5B commissioners are authorized to represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the 5B Commission in advocating for the aforementioned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon passage.

This resolution came before ANC 5B at a duly noticed public meeting on June 26, 2024. ANC 5B is composed of 7 Commissioners, so that 4 Commissioners constitute a quorum. With _7___ Commissioners present, ANC 5B voted __6_ Yea, __0_ Nay, and __1_ Abstain.