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Resolution requesting WMATA restore a portion of the former H6 bus route on the new C63 route

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Network was a system-wide redesign that “eliminated 527 stops”;¹

WHEREAS, the new C63 route transits Brookland via 14th St. NE and Monroe St. NE, providing a connection for residents in Brookland, Langdon, and beyond to the Brookland Metro Station;²

WHEREAS, the ANC 5B area and the Brookland neighborhood is marked by large hills, especially in the vicinity of Fort Bunker Hill, where a single block can easily span 50’ of elevation change;³

WHEREAS, the area around Fort Bunker Hill includes many key destinations, including St. Francis Hall, the Franciscan Monastery, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Fort Bunker Hill National Park, as well as six schools (Brookland Middle School, Elsie Whitlow Stokes, Perry Street Prep, Shining Stars, Sojourner Truth Montessori, and St. Jerome Institute);

WHEREAS, the former H6 bus was one of the few routes that crossed Monroe St. NE and provided a direct connection between the southern and northern parts of Brookland;

WHEREAS, the elimination of five stops (14th & Otis, 14th & Quincy, 12th & Quincy, Michigan & Quincy, Michigan & Perry) along six blocks of the old H6 route puts many of these destinations more than a quarter mile away from bus service, and more importantly, often at a significant elevation difference;⁴

WHEREAS, many Brookland residents, including those who choose not to or cannot drive, don’t have access to a vehicle, don’t wish to or can’t ride a bike, use mobility devices, and have difficulty walking over long distances or steep inclines, rely on the bus to access grocery stores, banks, drug stores, and other businesses on the 12th St NE corridor.

WHEREAS, over 100 residents, including senior citizens, people with mobility challenges, and other bus riders have signed a petition attesting to the fact that they find the C63 much less accessible than the old H6 route;^{5,6}

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 5B requests WMATA consider adjusting the C63 route to include the portion of the old H6 route along 14th St NE north of Monroe St NE, Quincy St NE, and Michigan Ave NE; preserving the bus shelters, signage, and infrastructure along this route; and adjusting the C63 time schedules to accommodate this additional distance.

¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/07/12/better-bus-rollout-update/>

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https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Network_District-of-Columbia-Map.pdf

³ <https://opendata.dc.gov/datasets/DCGIS::topography-northeast-dc-2024>

⁴ <https://appassets.mvtdev.com/map/41/1/142/24148743.pdf>

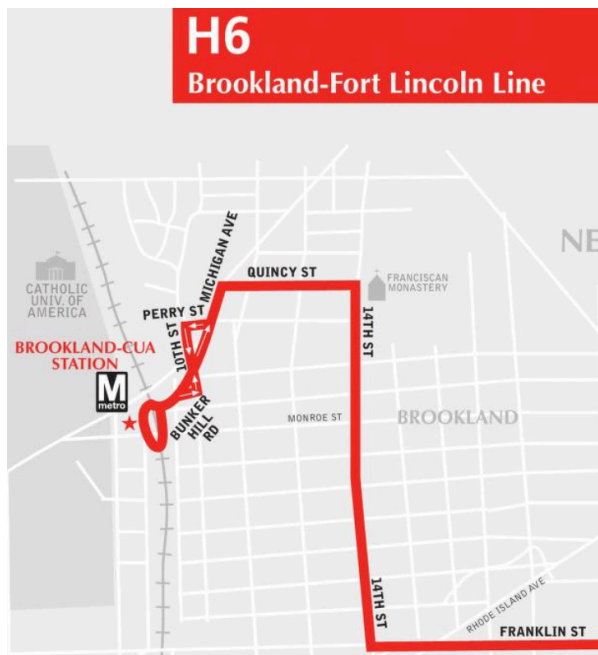
⁵ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/171jdZto-kA2vh1uIZSM8pU4zygw1P6Xn/view>

⁶ <https://www.dcnnewsnow.com/video/controversy-surrounding-betterbus-network/11050278/>

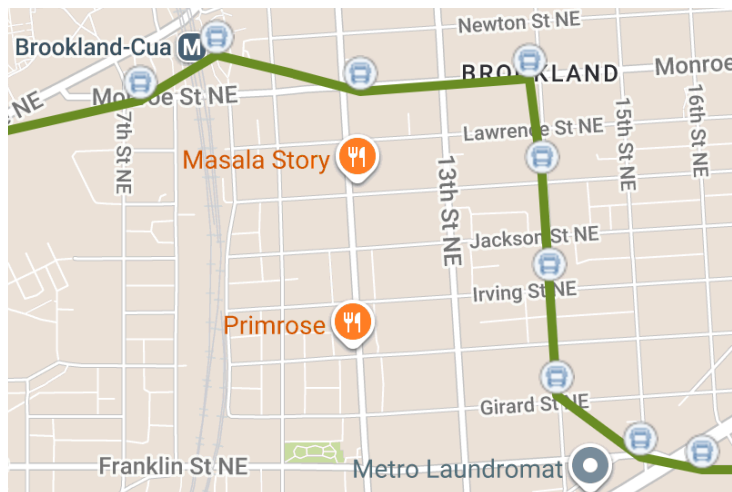
The Commission designates Commissioner Edward Borrego (5B01@anc.dc.gov) to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

Adopted on **XX/XX/2025** by a vote of **X-Y**, with four commissioners required for quorum, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public meeting with a quorum present.

Appendix 1: H6 and C63 Route Comparison



H6 (previous) bus line



C63 (new) bus line