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October 17, 2014

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RE: Comments on the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan Update

Dear Director Brown:

As a result of directed funding from the Council of the District of Columbia, the proposed circulator plan includes a proposals to extend the Union Station-Navy Yard route to the SW Waterfront area and the Potomac Avenue Metro-Skyland route to Congress Heights.

The existing Union Station-Navy Yard route has been a vital link between the NE and SE sides of Capitol Hill. The route extension would connect the Capitol Hill neighborhood with the Waterfront neighborhood and allow for a much greater degree of access to amenities in both the Capitol Hill and SW neighborhoods. The extension will also complement and enhance District of Columbia Public Schools plans under the adopted school boundary system in which both of these neighborhoods become part of the same feeder and boundary system for Jefferson Middle School and will serve to connect students to Amidon Bowen Elementary School until Van Ness Elementary school is reopened.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B, however, does have concerns about the proposed extensions. Currently the buses do not keep to the important 10-minute headway schedule. It is critical and necessary, therefore, that any extension of service be appropriately funded to ensure that reliability of service is achieved and maintained. Another concern of ANC 6B is fact that both of the Circulator routes that transverse Capitol Hill are the only ones in the current system that do not have Saturday and Sunday service throughout the year. This implies that the District Department of Transportation and DC Service Transit consider these two routes to be providing weekday commuter services rather than routes that, according to pp. 9 and 10 in the Plan, "connect mixed-use activity centers in order to improve mobility and foster economic activity." Residents of

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Capitol Hill need to be able to access shops and events on weekends. The Commission is also aware the certain groups of riders do not pay fares and that these riders, therefore, reduce the accuracy of ridership counts. We ask that improved counts accompany these two extensions of Circulator service.

ANC 6B voted 7-0 to send this letter at its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on October 14, 2014, with a quorum present. If you have questions, please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg at 202-546-8542 or [kirsten6b04@anc6b.org](mailto:kirsten6b04@anc6b.org). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Flahaven', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Flahaven  
Chair

cc: Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment  
Councilmember Tommy Wells