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#1E-2023-1002: RESOLUTION APPROVING GEORGIA AVENUE BUS PRIORITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Georgia Ave NW corridor serves some of the highest ridership Metrobus routes in the entire WMATA system (70 and 79), and is also a Vision Zero high-crash corridor with notable safety concerns throughout the corridor; and

WHEREAS, The District's bus riders are disproportionately lower-income and persons of color;¹ and

WHEREAS, Post-pandemic bus ridership has recovered much more quickly than other forms of transportation,² suggesting that the District's bus riders are less likely to maintain jobs that allow them to work from home, and more likely to rely on bus service to get to work; and

WHEREAS, Bus lanes reduce delays due to traffic congestion and help raise the visibility of high-quality bus service;³ and

WHEREAS, Camera enforcement to deter blocking bus lanes has been found to further reduce bus travel delays and reduce traffic crashes;⁴ and

WHEREAS, DDOT has released an initial "high level" concept proposal for redesigning Georgia Ave NW to increase bus reliability, reduce travel times, and improve safety along the Georgia Ave NW corridor, while largely maintaining space for street parking; and

WHEREAS, DDOT's recommended plan is for offset bus lanes wherever possible on the Georgia Ave NW corridor to allow for substantial reductions in bus delays as well as allow further Vision Zero improvements along Georgia Ave NW; and

WHEREAS, DDOT recently announced that it was pausing camera fines for blocking bus lanes in the Clear Lanes program indefinitely;⁵ therefore

¹ <https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/metro-for-dc-study>

² <https://ggwash.org/view/90879/transit-washington-dc-ridership-future-pandemic>

³ <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/transit-streets/dedicated-curbside-offset-bus-lanes/>

⁴ <https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2023/04/25/smile-bus-lane-cameras-reduce-collisions-speed-up-commutes-according-to-mta-stats>

⁵ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2023/09/28/dc-bus-lanes-tickets/>

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E resolves the following:

- Endorses DDOT's recommended high level concept plan for offset bus lanes;
- Encourages DDOT to generously designate space for short-term pickup, drop-off, and loading/unloading zones along Georgia Ave NW to ensure that these activities do not obstruct new bus lanes;
- Encourages DDOT to consider regularly implementing raised crosswalks along the Georgia Ave NW corridor on the streets that intersect Georgia Ave NW to enhance traffic safety;
- Urges DDOT to fully implement the Clear Lanes program and begin issuing fines for vehicles blocking bus lanes; further

BE IT RESOLVED, Commissioner Josh Jacobson is designated to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event that Commissioner Jacobson cannot carry out his representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 7 present at its October 25, 2023 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E voted, with 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



Brian Footer
Chairperson, ANC 1E



Josh Jacobson
Secretary, ANC 1E