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#1E-2024-1001: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GEORGIA AVENUE BUS PRIORITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, In 2023, ANC 1E¹ and ANC 1B² passed resolutions endorsing DDOT's high level concept plan for offset bus lanes; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Ave NW corridor serves some of the highest ridership Metrobus routes in the entire WMATA system (70 and 79), serving 23,000 trips daily during the week³; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Ave NW corridor is a Vision Zero high-crash corridor with notable safety concerns throughout the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Bus lanes reduce delays due to traffic congestion and help raise the visibility of high-quality bus service;⁴ 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, 1 in 3 D.C. residents commute to work by public transit and 68% of D.C. residents who take the bus have household incomes below \$50,000⁵; and

WHEREAS, 40% of households in Census Tracts 32 and 34 (along Georgia Avenue and most of 1E) do not have access to a personal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, 49% of the people traveling Georgia Avenue are on the bus⁶; and

WHEREAS, ANC 1E is concerned about dangerous drivers that might use the lane to speed or swerve around vehicles stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E supports the Georgia Ave NW Bus Priority Project and provides the following suggestions:

¹ #1E-2023-1002: Resolution Approving Georgia Avenue Bus Priority Project. ANC 1E. Passed 10/25/2023 by a vote 7-0-0.
<https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/ViewResolution.aspx?Id=aBMAAA>

² Resolution in Support of Georgia Ave Bus Priority Project. ANC 1B. Passed 12/7/2023 with a 8-0-1 vote.
<https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/ViewResolution.aspx?Id=gxMAAA>

³ <https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/ridership-portal/Metrobus-Ridership-Summary.cfm>

⁴ <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/transit-streets/dedicated-curbside-offset-bus-lanes>

⁵ <https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/metro-for-dc-study>

⁶ <https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov/pages/georgiaavenw>. Accessed 10/21/24.

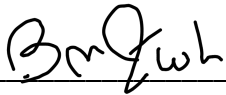
- Consider regularly implementing raised crosswalks along the Georgia Ave NW corridor on the streets that intersect Georgia Ave NW to enhance traffic safety; and
- Explore mitigations that make it more difficult for drivers to switch into lanes near intersections including stationary intersection enforcement cameras at high concern areas; and
- Continue to partner with WMATA on the Clear Lanes program to disincentivize drivers from using these lanes; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioner Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their 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.

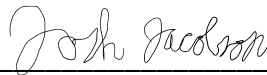
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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on October 23, 2024, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 4 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 4 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



Brian Footer
Chairperson, ANC 1E



Josh Jacobson
Secretary, ANC 1E