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Re: DC Streetcar Project

Dear Director Bellamy and Mr. McHugh,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 12, 2011, our Commission voted unanimously to request the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) and Amtrak's full cooperation to quickly resolve outstanding matters around connecting the DC Streetcar to Union Station.

At a town hall meeting on Saturday, May 7th, 2011, Mayor Vincent Gray affirmed his strong support for the DC Streetcar, but noted the possibility of a delay in completion of the project. The late start up could result in a delay of up to six months meaning that the Streetcar would not begin operation until December 2012. Councilman Tommy Well's Chief of Staff Charles Allen commented that a quick resolution—within the next thirty days—between Amtrak and DDOT on outstanding issues would allow the Streetcar to remain on schedule with a commencement of May or June of 2012.

We urge Amtrak and DDOT to work quickly to resolve all final issues.

Not only will the DC Streetcar provide significant value to H Street's economic development, but also provide an additional intermodal transportation option to Union Station. Increased traffic to Union Station will make Amtrak train service even more appealing to the public.

Please take steps now to make this opportunity for improved transportation options a reality as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair

cc: Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton
cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells