

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



March 28, 2007

Colleen Hawkinson, Citywide Planner Dana Chieco, Capital City Fellow District Department of Transportation 2000 14th Street NW, 7th Floor Washington, DC 20009

Re: H Street/Benning Road Interim Bus Route

Ms. Hawkinson and Ms. Chieco:

At prior community meetings concerning the H Street/Benning Road streetscape improvement project, Ms. Karina Ricks indicated that the District of Columbia Department of Transportation was exploring options to create an interim bus route to service Union Station and the corridor's future streetcar line. Moreover, the buses used on the interim line would have unique markings / colors to differentiate these buses from the normal Metro buses that travel this corridor.

Accordingly, our Commission voted unanimously to express support for this proposal at our regularly scheduled public meeting on March 8, 2007. We believe that such a bus line would:

- (1) Improve access to businesses along the H Street/Benning Road corridor,
- (2) Enhance entrance to Union Station's many transit options for residents, and
- (3) Help residents become familiar with the new streetcar route and enhance the new streetcar line's visibility as a viable transportation alternative.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Omar Mahmud, chair of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, at (202) 546-1520 or by electronic mail at familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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