

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



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Terry Bellamy Director Department of Transportation 55 M Street, SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Dear Sir:

I request that DDoT and Mactec delay the permanent selection of sites for bus stops until the merchants of H Street have had a chance to be consulted about any proposed placement.

Already there have been problems caused by the location of stops where the sidewalk is too narrow; there is no adequate waiting area; and where there is no place for seats for bus patrons. Passengers should not be disembarked directly into the entrances of restaurants and taverns. An additional problem is the narrow sidewalks cause the tobacco smoke of those waiting for the bus to drift into establishments where food is served.

I ask that DDoT and Mactec survey the merchants for the best location for each proposed site. I also request that DDoT meet with the ANC's Transportation committee to present the Department's recommendations after this consultation process with the merchants.

The ANC contact for this matter is Omar Mahmud at familymahmud@yahoo.com. He is the Chair of the ANC's Transportation and Public Space committee.

Sincerely yours,

David Holmes

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A