



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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### **ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2021-002**

*Resolution regarding ANC 6A support for completing the DC Streetcar from Benning Road Metro Station to Georgetown as Planned and Promised*

**WHEREAS**, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including transportation and economic development;

**WHEREAS**, public transportation is a shared public benefit and can only function as such when it’s shared with all neighborhoods;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 7E recently passed a resolution of support for the streetcar extension to Benning Road Metro station;

**WHEREAS**, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently published its Final Environmental Assessment where it found the extension to Benning Metro Station is the preferred alternative and only feasible alternative from an engineering perspective;

**WHEREAS**, the eastward extension to Benning Road Metro is the only feasible alternative that provides a multi-modal connection to Metro;

**WHEREAS**, the eventual westward extension to Georgetown would establish the only east-west rail-transit option for travel all the way to Georgetown;

**WHEREAS**, the eventual westward extension to Georgetown would be the first and only fully unified transit system from eastern portions of the District to Georgetown;

**WHEREAS**, the full streetcar route from Benning Road Metro to Georgetown would provide an enjoyable and robust east-west transportation option for residents in ward 6 and many other wards across the city;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 6A contains, and abuts, a number of great assets such as Gallaudet University, many grocery stores, and job centers that can be shared with neighbors in ward 7 if the DC Streetcar is extended;

**WHEREAS**, Extending the DC Streetcar provides more ridership capacity than adding another Metrobus or DC Circulator route—regardless of bus vehicle type—and has already increased overall transit ridership along the H Street corridor;

**WHEREAS**, extending the DC Streetcar along Benning Road NE requires less public right-of-way than building a bus rapid transit (BRT) route and doesn’t require the use of eminent domain or property takings;

**WHEREAS,** The DC Streetcar extension would have more accessible and accommodative stops than existing bus stops by including “level boarding”—where the transit vehicle’s floor is level with the station platform or sidewalk;

**WHEREAS,** Benning Road NE is notoriously fatal for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the DC Streetcar project incorporates critical bridge, roadway, streetscape, and intersection improvements to improve safety;

**WHEREAS,** streetcar routes, similar to Metrorail lines, are more reliable transit infrastructure for prospective business and residents because streetcar routes are more permanent and less prone to re-routing;

**WHEREAS,** The DC Streetcar extension would support the proposed Comprehensive Plan’s recommendations for increased density along the Benning Road NE corridor in Wards 6 and 7.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** ANC 6A notes the following:

I: We strongly support the District’s planned and promised DC Streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro Station.

II: We request that in the 2022 budget, DDOT request and receive the full amount of funding necessary to break ground on construction as soon as possible.

III: We request that DDOT revisit and continue to explore additional options for the westward streetcar extension in the direction of Georgetown.

IV: We implore DDOT to find a feasible, workable streetcar route for the westward extension to Georgetown and implement transit-only lanes for as much of the existing and future routes as possible.

V: We request that the Executive Office of the Mayor, the Office of the City Administrator, the Office of Budget and Performance Management, and all other agencies involved include sufficient funding for the Streetcar extension in the Mayor’s 2022 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan that it sends to the DC Council this spring.

VI: We request that the DC Council approve funding in the 2022 capital budget for the full streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro.

Attested by:



Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

April 10, 2021

This Resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0-0 on April 8, 2021 at a public meeting<sup>1</sup> of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.

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