

November 14, 2008

Mr. Freddie C. Fuller, II, Associate Director
District Department of Transportation
Mass Transit Administration
2217 14th Street N.W., 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Fuller:

We are pleased that as part of the Great Streets streetscape project in the H Street-Benning Road N.E. corridor streetcar tracks will be laid for the planned streetcar line that will run from the Minnesota Avenue Metrorail Station to Union Station. However, we remain concerned that the issue of how the streetcars will be powered remains unresolved. We fear that unless this issue is resolved soon, completion of the streetcar line will be delayed and our neighborhoods will not have streetcar service until long after the tracks are in place.

We would like to invite the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to hold a public meeting in the H Street-Benning Road N.E. corridor co-sponsored by our three Advisory Neighborhood Commissions on the evening of December 17 at a location to be determined. At this meeting, we would ask you to make a presentation to the community answering each of the following questions: (1) what options exist to power the streetcars; (2) what is the feasibility of each of these options; (3) what are the technical or legal challenges posed by each of these options; (4) which of these power source options does DDOT intend to pursue; and (5) what is DDOT's plan to overcome any obstacles and move forward with the selected alternative? We also want to offer community members an opportunity to ask you questions about these issues.

Please contact Joseph Fengler at 202-423-8868 or fengler6a02@yahoo.com to arrange this meeting. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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Councilmember Tommy Wells
Councilmember Jim Graham