

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



September 15, 2016

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo Director, District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A supports dedicated streetcar lane on K Street NW

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 8, 2016, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the creation of a dedicated streetcar lane along K Street NW when DDOT extends the existing H Street-Benning Road line west past Union Station.

ANC 6A continues to strongly support the needed extensions of streetcar service both west and east of the existing service area. While the western portion of the line runs beyond the boundaries of ANC 6A, its extension is extremely important for the success of the overall streetcar project and its usefulness to residents of our community who see it as an important way to connect our area with downtown DC where many residents commute to work. Given the high volume of traffic and frequent congestion downtown, particularly on K Street NW, we believe a dedicated streetcar lane would go a long way toward ensuring timeliness and consistency in service, a necessity for those in our community who plan to use the streetcar to commute to work and for those in northwest who might commute to our area to places of employment or opportunities for commerce along H Street NE.

For these reasons and more, our Commission strongly recommends that DDOT choose the dedicated lane option for the completion of the DC Streetcar line along K Street NW and urges that DDOT move forward to complete the line soon. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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cc: Councilmembers Mendelson, Cheh, Allen, Evans, Todd, and McDuffie Chair of ANC6C, ANC5D, ANC6E, ANC2A, ANC2B, and ANC2F

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