



# **Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B**

## **RESOLUTION #4B-21-0602 Requesting Functioning Lights at Takoma Metro Station Adopted June 28, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4B takes note of the following:

- Public transit, including both rail and bus, is an essential method of transportation for both ANC 4B residents and visitors.
- Thousands of our constituents depend on the bus and Metrorail to get to work, school, healthcare appointments, grocery stores and more.
- Takoma Station is located within ANC 4B, Single Member District 4B01, and is served by Metrorail's Red Line as well as bus lines operated by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Montgomery County's RideOn service. Takoma Metro Station and its environs are owned, operated and maintained by WMATA.
- The WMATA-owned "green space" adjacent to the Metro station is a community hub and open space utilized by the community as a gathering place and cut through.
- WMATA has repeatedly failed to adequately maintain the lighting in and around the station including around the accessible entrance, the bus stops and turnaround and the green space, sometimes with more than half of the light fixtures not functioning.
- The Commissioner for Single Member District has repeatedly contacted WMATA requesting repairs of the lighting both privately via email and publicly via Twitter since [September 2020](#).
- ANC 4B constituents have also contacted WMATA and their respective Commissioners about the lighting at Takoma Station being poorly maintained or not functioning.
- Failure to maintain adequate lighting makes the Takoma Metro Station and its environs uninviting and less accessible.

**RESOLVED:**

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B urges the Washington Area Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to rapidly repair and adequately maintain the lighting at Takoma Metro Station.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioner Evan Yeats, ANC 4B01, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this resolution.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of seven members was present) on June 28, 2021, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.