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## RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D CONCERNING GEORGIA AVENUE BUS PRIORITY HIGH LEVEL CONCEPT

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

1. **WHEREAS** in 2022, ANC 4D requested that the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) study and propose a design for bus lanes and other infrastructure to improve transit service on Georgia Ave NW between Florida Ave NW and Eastern Ave NW;<sup>1</sup>
2. **WHEREAS** the Georgia Ave NW corridor serves some of the highest ridership Metrobus routes in the entire WMATA system (70 and 79), and is also a Vision Zero high-crash corridor with notable safety concerns throughout the corridor;<sup>2</sup>
3. **WHEREAS** the District's bus riders are disproportionately lower-income and persons of color;<sup>3</sup>
4. **WHEREAS** post-pandemic bus ridership is recovering much more quickly

<sup>1</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/4D2022Bus>

<sup>2</sup> <https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov/pages/georgiaavenw>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/metro-for-dc-study>

than other forms of transportation,<sup>4</sup> suggesting that the District’s bus riders are less likely to maintain jobs that allow them to work from home, and more likely to rely on bus service to get to work;<sup>5</sup>

5. **WHEREAS** bus lanes have been shown to reduce bus delays due to traffic congestion and help raise the visibility of high-quality bus service;<sup>6</sup>
6. **WHEREAS** camera enforcement to deter blocking bus lanes has been found to further reduce bus travel delays and reduce traffic crashes;<sup>7</sup>
7. **WHEREAS** DDOT has released an initial “high level” concept proposal for redesigning Georgia Ave NW to increase bus reliability, reduce travel times, and improve safety along the Georgia Ave NW corridor, while largely maintaining space for street parking;<sup>8</sup>
8. **WHEREAS** DDOT’s recommended plan is for offset bus lanes wherever possible on the Georgia Ave NW corridor to allow for substantial reductions in bus delays as well as allow further Vision Zero improvements along Georgia Ave NW;
9. **WHEREAS** DDOT recently announced that it was pausing camera fines for blocking bus lanes in the Clear Lanes program indefinitely;<sup>9</sup>

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:**

1. **Endorses** DDOT’s recommended high level concept plan for offset bus lanes;
2. **Encourages** DDOT to generously designate space for short-term pickup, dropoff, and loading/unloading zones along Georgia Ave NW to ensure that these activities do not obstruct new bus lanes;
3. **Encourages** DDOT to consider regularly implementing raised crosswalks along the Georgia Ave NW corridor on the streets that intersect Georgia

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<sup>4</sup> <https://ggwash.org/view/90879/transit-washington-dc-ridership-future-pandemic>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ensuring-the-intertwined-post-pandemic-recoveries-of-downtowns-and-transit-systems/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/NACTOBusLanes>

<sup>7</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/SBcameras>

<sup>8</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/DDOTGaAveHL>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2023/09/28/dc-bus-lanes-tickets/>

Ave NW to enhance traffic safety;

4. **Urges** DDOT to fully implement the Clear Lanes program and begin issuing fines for vehicles blocking bus lanes;
5. **Encourages** DDOT and the Council to consider lowering the fines for bus lane violations.

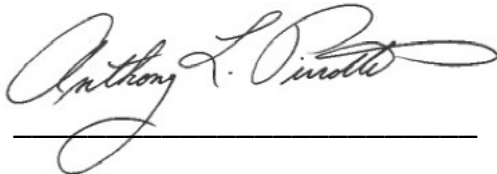
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Commissioner Aman George (4D06) is hereby authorized to represent the commission in all matters relating to this resolution.**

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Concerning the Georgia Ave Bus Priority High Level Concept was considered on October 18, 2023 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum.

The vote of the Commission was 6 in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2023-12.

Signed by:

Dated: October 31, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony L. Pirrotti", written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair