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RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D CONCERNING GEORGIA AVENUE BUS PRIORITY FALL 2024 CONCEPT

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

- 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;¹
- 2. **WHEREAS** in 2023, ANC 4D issued a resolution of support for DDOT's "high level concept" plans for dedicated bus lanes on Georgia Ave;²
- 3. **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;³

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https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/20/4D 2023 12 Georgia Ave Bus Priority T M 20231106055906PM.pdf

¹ https://tinyurl.com/4D2022Bus

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³ https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov/pages/georgiaavenw

- 4. WHEREAS Half of all people traveling on Georgia Ave travel by bus;⁴
- 5. **WHEREAS** the District's bus riders are disproportionately lower-income and persons of color;⁵
- **6. WHEREAS** post-pandemic bus ridership has recovered much more quickly than other forms of transportation,⁶ 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;⁷
- **7. WHEREAS** bus service on Georgia Ave is getting slower as District workers return to the office after the pandemic, and trip lengths by bus are inconsistent and unreliable;⁸
- **8. WHEREAS** bus lanes have been shown to reduce bus delays due to traffic congestion and help raise the visibility of high-quality bus service;⁹
- **9. WHEREAS** Georgia Ave is a vibrant corridor teeming with potential, but would benefit from being more welcoming to pedestrians through increased pedestrian safety and lower traffic speeds;
- **10.WHEREAS** DDOT has released a 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;¹⁰
- **11.WHEREAS** DDOT's recommended plan is for offset bus lanes wherever

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⁵ https://www.dccouncilbudget.com/metro-for-dc-study

 $^{^{6}\,\}underline{https://ggwash.org/view/90879/transit-washington-dc-ridership-future-pandemic}$

⁷ https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ensuring-the-intertwined-post-pandemic-recoveries-of-downtowns-and-transit-systems/

⁹ https://tinyurl.com/NACTOBusLanes

- 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;
- 12. **WHEREAS** DDOT proposes to expand the use of "bulb-outs" to ensure accessibility for mobility-impaired riders and improve pedestrian safety and visibility at intersections alongside curb extensions along Georgia Ave.;

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

- Supports DDOT's Fall 2024 concept plans for re-designing the Georgia Ave. corridor;
- 2. **Applauds** the proposed designs for seeking to mitigate parking spot impacts throughout the corridor and use dedicated turn lanes to maintain traffic flow;
- 3. **Encourages** DDOT to appropriately 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;
- **4. Encourages** DDOT to consider the provision of traffic calming measures, such as raised crosswalks, along the Georgia Ave NW corridor on the streets that intersect Georgia Ave NW to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety;
- **5. Calls upon** DDOT to harden the intersection of Georgia Ave NW and Allison St. NW to clearly deter (and prevent) drivers from turning eastbound onto Allison St. after its conversion to a one-way westbound-only street;
- 6. 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 16, 2024 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, 0 against, and 1 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2024-08.

Signed by:	Dated: _	Nov. 4, 2024
_/s/ Anthony Pirrotti	_	
Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair		