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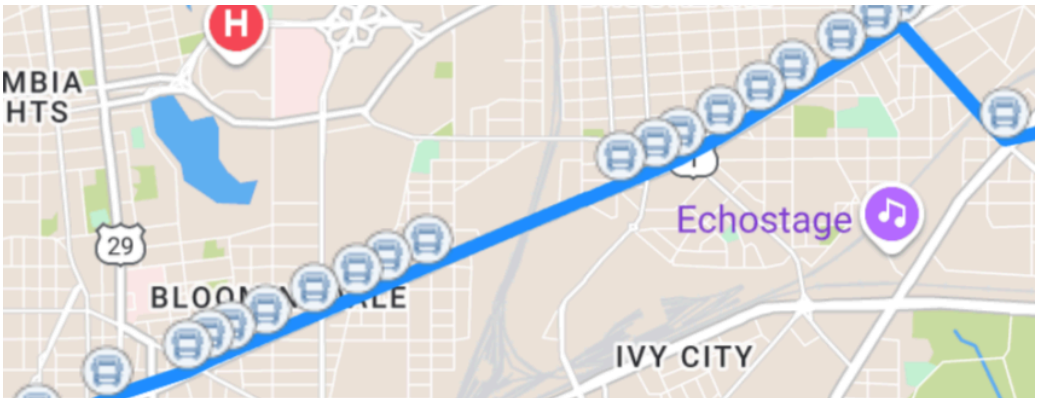
Re: Better Bus Adjustments in Edgewood and Eckington

Dear General Manager Clarke,

Thank you and your team for engaging the community on the Better Bus Network, the first overhaul of the Washington region's bus network in decades. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and responsiveness as the project has proceeded from concept to planning to implementation on June 29.

As the new network has launched, we wish to raise two items that we believe warrant consideration for adjustment.

Adjust the D32 so that it makes stops near the Rhode Island Avenue metro station at 8th Place NE and 5th Street NE. The new D32 route (aside from extra rush hour service) makes no stops for a 0.7 mile stretch between 12th St NE and 3rd Street NE, preventing transfers to and from the Red line at Rhode Island Avenue metro station.



The former G8 route operated from downtown to the Rhode Island Avenue metro station and beyond, serving the time-consuming loop at Washington Place NE. The new D32 route avoids that, staying on Rhode Island Avenue NE. However, it also skips the ex-G8 stops at 8th Place NE, at stairs and access ramps to the station above, and at 5th St NE where passengers can transfer to and from the D36 route. Confusingly, both stops have D32 marked on their signs because the extra rush hour buses stop there. We have witnessed passengers trying to get the operator to make the stops so they can transfer to the rail system, and confusion as to why the bus is not scheduled to stop there.

This may be a genuine oversight that resulted from having two service patterns for the D32, with some rush hour buses terminating at the metro station and others staying on Rhode Island Avenue NE. But there is no operational need (such as the need to turn) that requires skipping the 5th St and 8th Pl stops, and we believe the community would be better served by reinstating them.

Adjust the D36 so that it makes stops on Edgewood Street NE to serve the senior community at Edgewood Commons (601 & 635 Edgewood Street NE). The new D36 route has rerouted the predecessor D8 route from Franklin and Edgewood Sts NE to stay entirely on 4th Street NE. While this operationally reduces two turns into one, it does it at the expense of direct service to medical care and appointments at Washington Hospital Center for hundreds of senior residents in the buildings at Edgewood Commons. Community members have expressed a burden in access to critical services. We believe the community would be better served by reinstating the segment on Edgewood Street NE.



We greatly hope you will give all consideration and support to these requests. We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further. Please feel free to reach out to ANC 5F Commission Chair Mark Galvan at 5F04@anc.dc.gov should you have any questions.

Yours Very Truly,

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This resolution came before ANC 5F at a duly noticed public meeting on July 15, 2025**.**
ANC 5F is composed of 7 Commissioners, so that 4 Commissioners constitute a quorum.
With 5 **Commissioners present, ANC 5F voted** 5 **Yea,** 0 **Nay, and** 0 **Abstain.**

Attest:

Chair, ANC 5F **Secretary, ANC 5F**