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NOI# 22-33 Transit Delivery Division

Re: H Street NW Bus Priority Project Implementation

Dear Chairpersons Eichler and Shankle:

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will be making transit improvements, as part of the H Street NW Bus Priority Program, to the H Street NW corridor between 13th Street and N. Capitol to:

- improve bus speeds and reliability;
- improve pedestrian access to transit;
- improve safety for all users; and
- address curbside access needs.

As part of the Mayor's Bus Priority Program (BPP), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is making bus improvements across all 8 wards in the District. Faster and more reliable transit service provides better access to more jobs and opportunities for District residents.

During the COVID-19 pandemic metrobus ridership has consistently been 2 to 3 times higher than Metrorail ridership. The goals of BPP are to improve the whole rider experience including pedestrian improvements to ensure bus stop accessibility; bus lanes to reduce congestion; and transit signal priority and queue jumps to address signal delay.

The 80, D8, X2 and X9 bus routes travel along the H Street NW project corridor. The X2 and X9 bus route, that travel between downtown and Ward 7 along the H Street NW corridor, have had the third highest bus ridership during the COVID pandemic. Riders have suffered from slow bus speeds during the morning and evening peak and throughout the midday.

The key features of the H Street NW Bus Priority Project's design will include:

- Bus only lanes on both sides (north and south) of H Street NW from 13th Street to 4th Street and 2nd Street to N. Capitol during the morning (7 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.) and evening (4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.) peak periods. Parking and loading will be allowed in the bus lanes outside of the AM and PM peak periods. Through the implementation of morning and evening peak period bus lanes on H Street NW, DDOT is supporting improved bus travel times and reliability during the peak periods.
- A reduction of the existing 6 travel lanes to 5 travel lanes. The H Street NW corridor will typically have 2 travel lanes, 2 bus-only lanes, and a center left turn lane to allow for standard lane widths for the bus lanes and general traffic lanes. However due to operational and safety constraints, 6 travel lanes will be retained at two (2) pinch points: (1) H Street NW between 6th and 9th Streets, and (2) H Street NW between 2nd Street and N. Capitol Streets.
- Maintenance of the peak period parking restrictions. Generally, the parking is currently restricted during the peak periods on both the north and south sides of the street along the corridor. However, there are 23 parking spaces on the south side of H Street NW between N. Capitol and First Street NW where parking is currently allowed during the AM period. Under the proposed design, parking will be restricted during the AM period for these 23 spaces, consistent with the rest of the corridor.
- Installation of a queue jump signal on H Street NW westbound at New Jersey Avenue to give signal priority to buses traveling westbound on H Street.
- Midblock pedestrian improvements on H Street NW between 4th and 5th Street to allow for safer crossings.
- Bus stop rebalancing to improve bus speeds and reliability and better meet DDOT and WMATA standard stop spacings. The following bus stops will be consolidated:

- H and 4th Street NW westbound
- H and 6th Street NW westbound
- H and 13th Street NW eastbound

The H Street NW Bus Priority Project is currently under design and is scheduled to be constructed in spring 2022. DDOT conducted the following public outreach from spring to fall 2021 to solicit feedback on the recommended concept:

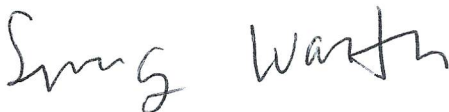
- Presentations to Councilmembers Pinto (Ward 2), Allen (Ward 6), Gray (Ward 7)
- Presentations to the DowntownDC BID, Mt. Vernon BID, and NoMA BID
- Held 6 virtual focus group meetings with businesses along the H Street NW corridor
- Presentations to ANC 2C and 6E

Please see the enclosed copy of the H Street NW Bus Priority Project concept map that provides a layout of the roadway with the bus lanes, midblock pedestrian improvements between 4th and 5th Streets NW, and the westbound queue jump on H Street NW at New Jersey Avenue.

For more details about the project please visit the H Street NW Bus Priority Project's webpage (<https://ddot.dc.gov/page/h-street-nw-bus-priority>) and review the two PowerPoint presentations in the Attachment section that provide an overview of the Project.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by **Friday, February 25, 2022** (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 55 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Notice+of+Intent> If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

Transit Delivery Division

Project Delivery Administration

CC: Rachelle Nigro, ANC 6E04
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