

Draft Resolution on Mid-City North-South Bus Corridors

The Metro Riders Advisory Council,

Affirming its strong support for bus transportation as a flexible solution to the region's transit needs,

Recognizing the ever-present and growing capacity issues in the mid-city north-south corridors, to include the S series buses (16th St NW), the 50 series buses (14th St NW), the 60 series buses (11th St NW), and the 70 series buses (Georgia Avenue/7th St NW),

Noting that over 20% of District riders ride buses in these corridors daily,

Noting further that three of the top six bus lines by ridership are in this corridor,

Concerned that population growth in these corridors will increase congestion in the future,

Seeing the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to transportation in these corridors,

Understanding that the complications of changing infrastructure and competing urban development goals make comprehensive solutions in this corridor difficult,

Realizing that lack of coordination and action on the part of multiple jurisdictions and agencies has left riders frustrated and poorly served,

Appreciating the mitigating efforts Metro has taken so far to alleviate congestion on some of these corridors,

Recognizing that those efforts to alleviate congestion are not a long-term solution,

Knowing that the mid-city north-south corridors are likely to be the first of many cases where Metro and the jurisdictions will have to work together to alleviate congestion,

Recognizing the urgent need for forward movement by all relevant agencies and jurisdictions,

Urges the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) to undertake the long-awaited study of Bus Rapid Transit on 16th Street NW without further delay, in coordination with Metro

Further urges Metro and DDOT to implement further mitigating measures now in order to relieve congestion on the mid-city north-south bus routes

Encourages Metro to diffuse passenger demand through creation of alternative bus routes, enhancement of bus service on parallel or complimentary routes, and consideration of bus services which utilize staggered stops

Asks the Metro Board to ensure the allocation of necessary capital and operational resources to implement improvements through creation of a forward-looking, fully budgeted strategy document which proposes integrated short and long term bus solutions for the mid-city north-south corridors in light of increasing demand

Encourages Metro and its jurisdictional partners to establish a results-oriented working group to establish joint accountability and maintain productive communication on transportation in these vital corridors