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Subject: NOI# 19-001 - TDD TRANSIT OPERATIONS & SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS IN EASTERN MARKET

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted 10-0-0 to send you the following comments on NOI 19-001-TDD issued March 1, 2019.

The Commission is opposed to the sections of the NOI pertaining to proposed changes in the routing of the L'Enfant/Eastern Market Circulator that requires reversing the direction of the 700 block of D Street SE to enable a left turn of the bus from 8th Street SE onto D Street, a right turn onto 7th Street, and a right turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue SE to begin its next run from the bus stop at the Eastern Market Metro Station. The Commission's main reasons for opposing the change is its concern about the safety of pedestrians, especially during the uncontrolled left turn onto D Street, and the added congestion caused by adding a bus to already congested D and 7th Streets.

However, the Commission supports other aspects of the NOI including added signage and roadway markings for the 8th Street Fire House, pedestrian improvements to the 7th and South Carolina Avenue intersection, and relocation of the loading zone on D Street.

Finally, the Commission understands that deadheading the bus via the North Carolina/Pennsylvania Avenue SE intersection, while technically feasible, has been judged by DDOT (and WMATA) as unsafe. Further, the Commission requests an increased allocation of electric busses to the L'Enfant/Eastern Market route to mitigate noise affects to residents on the route.



Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

Sincerely,

Cliff

Chander Jayaraman Chairman, ANC 6B

Cc: Councilman Charles Allen Naomi Klein and Lee Goodall