



April 11, 2023

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chair DC Council  
The Honorable Charles Allen, Chair Committee on Transportation and the Environment

RE: Statement for the Record of the March 30 Hearing on the DDOT Budget Regarding the DC Circulator

Dear Chairman Mendelson and Chairman Allen,

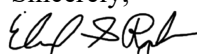
At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 11, 2023, with a quorum present, the Commission voted unanimously to submit the following comments in opposition to the proposed elimination in the Mayor's budget of the DC Circulator's current Eastern Market-L'Enfant Plaza (EM-LP) route. ANC6B strongly opposes this elimination and urges the Council to maintain funding for the DC Circulator.

This proposed change in the EM-LP route would negatively impact Eastern Market/Barracks Row businesses by eliminating "one-seat rides" between Eastern Market and the Navy Yard and Wharf and areas in between for business, recreational, and student users. The proposal to eliminate the EM-LP route would also harm DC residents by cutting off access to transit for those who use the route. There is no bus route that provides this service. Thus, residents who currently rely on this bus, especially those in the nearby senior's buildings, will be left unserved.

In this regard, ANC6B supports the views of the Capitol Hill BID, CHAMPS, Barracks Row Main Street, and Eastern Market Main Street. In their letters to the Council in opposition to the EM-LP elimination, they cite its impact on the District's economic development especially as identified in the *DC Comeback Plan* the need for a strategy to bolster tourism, hospitality, and entertainment sector. These are the very businesses served by the EM-LP Circulator. ANC6B also believes that DC should be planning future changes in the Circulator through its Transit Development Plan Updates and in concert with efforts, such as WMATA's "Better Bus" project, rather than using the Mayor's ad hoc approach.

In closing, ANC6B urges the Council to maintain the DC Circulator's EM-LP route which has well served Capitol Hill for many years.

Please contact Commissioner Matt LaFortune, the ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 574-807-2576 or 6B09@anc.dc.gov, or myself if you have any questions about this matter or need further information.

Sincerely,  
  
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Chair, ANC 6B