

At a properly noticed general meeting on March 12, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides essential transit access to and from our community;

WHEREAS, the ANC 6B community benefits tremendously from the Metrorail and Metrobus service that residents and visitors use to travel to work, school, and to support our many businesses;

WHEREAS, in the urban neighborhoods we represent, many residents do not own cars, meaning they rely on transit service for far more than commuting to and from work, including for trips to medical and dental appointments, houses of worship, shopping and entertainment destinations, visits with family and friends, and myriad other purposes;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Government has long-promoted car-free living and District residents have, as a result, relied on assurances that transit services would be available as they made the decisions to purchase or rent their homes, and often to accept higher prices or rents that result from proximity to frequent transit service;

WHEREAS, in December the General Manager of Metro released a proposal for FY25 that would reconcile a \$750 million operating budget deficit with radical reductions in Metrorail and Metrobus service;

WHEREAS, Metro is unique among transit agencies in the United States in that it is legally required to pass a balanced budget every year, yet has no independent or dedicated funding stream;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6B calls upon the Mayor and the Council to work with counterparts in Maryland and Virginia to secure a sustainable and dedicated source of funding for WMATA, which we urge to not have a disproportionate impact on lower-income individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission asks the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Council of the District of Columbia to stipulate that none of the District's funding for WMATA go to revamping or redesigning the Potomac Yards Metro stop in Virginia in anticipation the potential move of Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE).