



At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on June 13, 2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted unanimously 8-0-0 to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has released a proposed “Visionary Network proposal” for bus transportation in Washington DC and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS WMATA has provided only limited options for providing comment on the Visionary Network, primarily through a website at <https://betterbus.wmata.com/>;

WHEREAS Metrorail and most Metrobus routes provide good north-south service for getting users to and from downtown, east-west service has been limited;

WHEREAS, the Visionary Network proposal would eliminate the 96 bus route, which travels across the city from Tenleytown to the Maryland border in Anacostia;

WHEREAS, the 96 bus route travels along Massachusetts Avenue and connects the northeastern segment of ANC 6B with Union Station, the Stadium-Armory Metro stop and parts of DC further west and east; and

WHEREAS, the 96 bus is currently the only route that serves the Capitol Hill and Hill East neighborhoods east of 8th Street and between C Street and Pennsylvania Avenue;

WHEREAS, the proposed DC108 and DC202 bus routes incorporate the current 96 bus route between Union Station and Lincoln Park along Massachusetts Avenue but then travel east of the park along East Capitol Street omitting Massachusetts Avenue SE from 13th Street SE to 18th Street SE;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commission opposes the elimination of the 96 bus route and calls upon WMATA to restore the route with at minimum medium frequency in the Visionary Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6B urges WMATA, as possible alternative, to extend one or both of the proposed DC108/DC202 bus lines along Massachusetts Avenue SE to connect with areas in 6B and 7F that were previously served by the 96 bus route.