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ANC 3C Resolution 2024-CONSENT
Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Budget for WMATA

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

WHEREAS, ANC 3C has long supported robust public transit in Ward 3 and for our neighborhoods;¹

WHEREAS, the ANC 3C community benefits tremendously from the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Metro stations which residents and visitors use to shop, dine, worship, or socialize in the area, as well as to visit the National Zoo, which hosts nearly two million visitors a year;

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 ANC3C has called for WMATA's "Visionary Network proposal" to maintain and expand bus routes that serve Woodley Park and Cleveland Park, including passing a [resolution](#) in May 2023²;

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;

¹ <https://anc3c.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/ANC3C-Resolution-2020-015-Regarding-WMATA-Budget.pdf>

² <https://anc3c.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ANC3C-Resolution-2023-CONSENT-WMATA-Visionary-Network.pdf>

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Park station previously has been identified for closure if severe budget cuts are required by WMATA, in addition to a variety of service reductions³;

WHEREAS, WMATA has proposed to [eliminate the 96 and D6 bus](#) as part of budget cuts, as well as reductions to 31/33 and D6 bus lines which are critical for students to attend neighborhood schools including Hardy Middle School, Macarthur High School, and Jackson-Reed High School; DCPS currently provides no public school buses to support student access to these schools;

WHEREAS, the current 31/33 service along Wisconsin Avenue NW is insufficient for people who need to commute to or from downtown, especially coming from downtown in the evening;

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 3C finds the cuts proposed by the General Manager unacceptable and urges the WMATA Board to reject this proposal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 3C recognizes the dire financial straits facing WMATA and calls upon the Mayor and the Council to secure additional funding for WMATA in coordination with Maryland and Virginia also contributing a commensurate amount;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 3C 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;

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 frequency⁴;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ANC 3C asks the L1 bus route to be restored in the Visionary Network and reiterates the request made via [resolution](#)⁵ passed January 19, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission asks north-south service on Wisconsin Avenue NW for lines similar to the 31 and 33 buses be increased in the Visionary Network and be increased in the near term, regardless of when and how WMATA implements the visionary network;

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

³ Source: <https://www.wmata.com/about/board/meetings/board-pdfs/upload/3B-FY2022-Budget-Update-2.pdf> and <https://helenkellerintl.org/our-stories/poor-mans-crop-helen-potatoes/> and as cited in <https://anc3c.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/ANC3C-Resolution-2020-015-Regarding-WMATA-Budget.pdf>

⁴ <https://anc3c.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ANC3C-Resolution-2023-CONSENT-WMATA-Visionary-Network.pdf>

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<https://anc3c.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ANC3C-Resolution-2022-CONSENT-Regarding-ANC-3C-Support-of-Reinstating-the-L1-Bus-Line-by-Including-Funds-in-the-Washington-Metropolitan-Area-Transit-Authority-Budget-for-Fiscal-Year-2023.pdf>

revamping or redesigning the Potomac Yards Metro stop in Virginia in anticipation the potential move of Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ANC authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C05 and 3C07 to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janell Pagats", written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on February 20, 2024

This resolution was approved by voice vote on February 20, 2024, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.