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ANC3C Letter Regarding Additional Metrobus Service for six months between the Phase-Out of the DC Circulator and the Implementation of the Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network

Mayor Muriel Bowser and WMATA General Manager Randy Clarke,

We write to ask that the Route 90 Metrobus route be extended to Woodley Park immediately following the phase-out of the DC Circulator as part of WMATA's Temporary Transit Service plan, rather than waiting for the implementation of the Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network. By making this simple change six months earlier than scheduled, WMATA could prevent overcrowding, avoid a gap in service, and encourage increased transit use.

Our neighborhood relies on the WP-AM Circulator route to connect residents and visitors with destinations across the Duke Ellington Bridge, including U Street, Logan Circle, and the Metrorail Green Line. The Circulator's frequency and span-of-service were cut on October 1, and on December 31, all service is scheduled to be eliminated. WMATA has agreed to provide supplemental Metrobus service following the termination of the DC Circulator, but it has not planned any service improvements within our neighborhood.

WMATA plans to implement its Better Bus Network redesign in July 2025. Route C51, replacing the current Route 90, will be extended from its present terminus at the Calvert Street Bus Loop to the

Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metrorail station, augmenting the infrequent Route 96. The C51 will partially mitigate the termination of the WP-AM, providing Woodley Park with frequent and late-night service to similar destinations. We appreciate this additional service, and thank WMATA for recognizing the importance of reliable transit between our neighborhood and points east.

As the DC Circulator will be shut down in December and the Better Bus Network will be implemented in July, there will be at least six months between the elimination of the WP-AM and the implementation of the C51. During this disruption, only the 96 will make similar connections. We expect this reduction in capacity to cause bus overcrowding and mode shift away from public transit, contrary to the Sustainable DC 2.0 goal of increasing public transit commute mode share.

Therefore, we ask that the Route 90 bus be extended to Woodley Park immediately following the termination of Circulator service, following the planned C51 routing. By implementing this simple change six months earlier than scheduled, WMATA could prevent overcrowding, avoid a gap in service, and encourage increased transit use.

Sincerely,

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

Janell Pagats
Chair ANC 3C
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This letter was approved by voice vote (6-0-0) on October 21, 2024, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.