



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

February 14, 2020

Mr. Andrew Trueblood
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RE: Proposed Changes to DC's Comprehensive Plan Regarding a Second Foggy Bottom Metrorail Station Entrance

Dear Director Trueblood,

At its special meeting on February 12, 2020, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Harnett, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro station is the biggest single-entry facility in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) rail system, and one of the ten busiest stations overall,

WHEREAS, securing a second entrance to this station has long been a top priority of community groups including ANC 2A and the West End Citizens Association,

WHEREAS, WMATA has previously conducted a study to identify a preferred site for a second entrance and estimate potential construction costs, and

WHEREAS, The George Washington University (GWU) has agreed to reserve space at the southeast corner of 22nd Street and I Street NW for the study’s preferred second entrance location, thereby ensuring that future campus development would not preclude the installation of a station portal on university property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of the importance of this future infrastructure investment to both the Foggy Bottom neighborhood and the District of Columbia as a whole – as well as the large amount of due diligence that has gone into laying the groundwork for the project to-date – ANC 2A strongly encourages the Office of Planning to make the following language revisions as part of its proposed amendments to the Near Northwest Element of the Comprehensive Plan (changes bold and underlined):

- **2115.6:** “The area includes the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station, the busiest station in the Metrorail system with only one entrance/exit and



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one of the busiest stations ~~in the system overall~~. This station has only one entrance and elevator. A second entrance ~~has been studied, a preferred site has been identified (at the southeast corner of 22nd Street and I Street NW), and provisions have been made with The George Washington University (the site's landowner) to ensure that future campus development would not preclude an entrance at this location. Therefore, construction of a second entrance is~~ would be desirable and is encouraged in the future.

- Restore language that is struck through at 2115.14:

“Action NW-2.5.D: Metro Station Access

Support the development of an additional entry portal to the Foggy Bottom Metro station.”

Commissioners Detrick Campbell (2A07@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson