

Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C advises the government of the District of Columbia to fund the initial operating cost of an express bus service for the 14th Street NW bus lines at an equal contribution (in current year's dollars) as it funded the Georgia Avenue NW and 16th Street NW MetroExtra express bus lines, and that this bus line become operational as soon as that funding is made available.

Why: The 14th Street corridor is between two and three blocks away from a large portion of ANC 1C in Adams Morgan and Lanier Heights. Therefore, issues along this corridor are particularly relevant to the interest of ANC 1C residents, with many of our residents commuting by bus on both the 16th street and 14th street bus routes; as such routes are highly close to each other issues of overcrowding and usage on one route highly impacts the routes in the other. ANC 1C follows the lead of ANC 1D and 1A in endorsing express bus service for 14th Street, passing through Ward 1.

The 14th Street NW corridor has seen a significant amount of construction of the past ten years, which has produced new residential complexes, government facilities, and businesses. This development boom has resulted in an influx of new residents and visitors to the area.

With more people living, working, shopping, and dining on the 14th Street Corridor, more people are also now using the bus lines on 14th Street. About 14,900 residents use the line on an average weekday, which makes 14th Street one of the most-used bus lines in D.C.

Indeed, in a 2012 study and in subsequent reports, DDOT has identified the 14th Street bus lines as having reliability issues and related overcrowding problems. When buses are crowded on the 14th Street line —with 16th Street only two blocks away—residents of 14th Street are likely to walk to the 16th Street buses, which can make 16th Street bus overcrowding even worse, and vice versa.

An extra express bus line on 14th Street NW would increase capacity for that corridor and, therefore, would prevent 14th Street residents from needing to use our 16th Street buses and contribute to overcrowding on either bus lines. In addition an express bus route would further strengthen the transportation options of the residents in ANC 1C by expanding and creating more choice and reliability.