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RESOLUTION REGARDING PLANNED CHANGES TO THE N8 BUS ROUTE

WHEREAS the Woodrow Wilson High School (“Wilson”) building, housing the District of Columbia’s largest comprehensive high school serving over 1500 children, is undergoing a major modernization and the school has been moved to temporary quarters at Building 52 on the University of the District of Columbia (“UDC”) on Connecticut Avenue between Yuma and Warren Streets, NW (“Wilson at UDC”); and

WHEREAS Wilson’s temporary location at UDC poses significant challenges for the students, teachers, administrators, parents, neighbors and commuters who access the City through Connecticut Avenue; and

WHEREAS it has been repeatedly stressed by school officials and the neighbors of Wilson at UDC that it is essential that as many of the students as possible commute to school using public transportation to avoid exacerbating existing traffic and parking issues around UDC; and

WHEREAS students have been using the N8 bus this year to get to Wilson at UDC; and

WHEREAS various ANC’s have raised issues regarding the N8 bus, but none has advocated eliminating the portion of the N8 bus route that goes between the Tenleytown-AU to Van Ness-UDC stations, none of the re-route options previously shared with the ANC’s included such an elimination, and ANC 3E has consistently requested that a public hearing be conducted to focus on the options for the N8 bus line; and

WHEREAS elimination of that portion of the route would significantly complicate the use of mass transit by Wilson students travelling from west of Wisconsin Avenue to Wilson at UDC – requiring that they disembark the N8 in Tenleytown and either transfer to another bus or enter the Metro to travel one stop at the most crowded time of day – and thereby could only serve to discourage students’ use of mass transit to get to Wilson at UDC; and

WHEREAS on September 30, 2010, WMATA reported that the Board had decided to eliminate the portion of the N8 route between the Van Ness-UDC and Tenleytown-AU stations (to be replaced by extension of Route H2), eliminate N8 service after 8:00 pm and reduce off-peak service for the route from every 30 to every 40 minutes effective December 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS the relevant WMATA Board resolution makes no explicit mention of a change in the N8 route but rather merely indicates that the Board voted to “[r]estructure service between Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues on H2 and H3. Operate N8 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm” and makes no direct reference to altering the N8 route; and

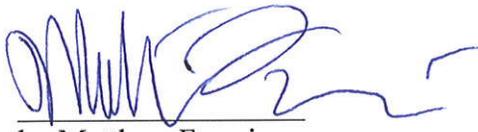
WHEREAS ANC 3E applauds WMATA's commitment to eliminate service on the N8 after 8:00 pm and reduce off-peak service but is concerned about WMATA's decision to eliminate the portion of the route between the Van Ness-UDC and Tenleytown-AU stations which could complicate the use of public transport to Wilson at UDC in this transition year and does not appear to have been explicitly authorized by Board action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3E respectfully asks that WMATA promptly implement its proposed scheduling changes to the N8, but refrain from implementing that portion of the proposed change to the N8 bus route that would eliminate the portion of the N8 route between the Van Ness-UDC and Tenleytown-AU stations (to be replaced by extension of Route H2) until after the completion of the 2010-11 school year during which the N8 bus extending to the Van Ness-UDC station is playing a particularly important role in serving Wilson students, the neighbors of Wilson at UDC and commuters traveling into the City on Connecticut Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3E urges that WMATA conduct a public hearing on the N8 at which options for the line after completion of the 2010-11 school year can be considered.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on October 14, 2010 at which a quorum was present. Commissioners Frumin, Sklover, Serebin, Bender and Eldridge voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,



by Matthew Frumin
Chair, ANC 3E