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Letter of Support

March 11, 2020

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The ANC 4C Commission, at a duly noticed public meeting, with a quorum of 9 Commissioners at the meeting present at its March 11, 2020, meeting, voted, with 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions to support WMATA's project to reconstruct Northern Bus Garage at the existing site.

ANC4C appreciates the outreach efforts conducted by WMATA thus far and looks forward to future meetings. WMATA's offer to incorporate space into the rebuild for community uses and for retail will encourage and foster community cohesiveness. The architectural drawings debuted at the community meeting on February 25, 2020, show a concern for the historic elements of the existing garage while also attempting to reflect concerns raised by the community about the size and scale of the new building in a residential setting. The community appreciates that WMATA is seeking input from the community at this early stage of design development and the commitment to continue with that engagement.

While we offer our support for the project, we must also note that members of the community are concerned about the environmental effects of demolishing an old industrial building and of operating a bus garage in a residential area. We expect WMATA to do the following in exchange for our support:

- 1) Honor its commitment to conduct the demolition in a manner that protects the health of our residents, and reduces the impact to the neighborhood during construction from traffic, noise, vibration, and dust. The construction workers go home at night but we live here, so we expect the highest diligence to minimize the impacts on the neighborhood during construction.

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- 2) Only operate the newest diesel and hybrid electric buses at the new garage. While WMATA has been saying the right things about electric buses, re-opening the garage with diesel buses is a non-starter for some of the community. WMATA's offer at the community meeting on February 25, 2020, to operate new buses only is a start, but WMATA needs a stronger commitment to its timeline for moving to electric buses.
- 3) Provide a list of people who can be contacted to resolve any complaints during construction. An open and transparent project team will reduce our concern.
- 4) Preserve and restore the historic façade along 14th Street, to preserve as much of the historic integrity as possible. Where impacts to the historic structure are required, document those impacts for future reference.

We look forward to continued dialogue about the project.

The Commission also voted with 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions to appoint the Commissioner for Single Member District 4C02, or any member of the Executive Committee in their absence, to be authorized to communicate this resolution and represent ANC 4C before the Historic Preservation Office related to this matter.

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