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Retain bus stops on 16th Street NW at Newton and Lamont

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to retain the existing bus stops on 16th Street NW at Newton Street, and at Lamont Street.

Why: This commission recognizes that the reasoning behind the proposed removal of these bus stops is to expedite bus travel, and hence encourage more bus use. However, because the people boarding buses at these stops would presumably simply walk to the Park Road bus stop and board there, it seems that there would be little net benefit to the pace of bus transit. It should be noted that this stretch of Park Road, from Spring Road to Irving Street, consists principally of large apartment houses, and has the highest density of residents everywhere along the 16th Street bus routes, so numerous bus stops along this area are warranted. Requiring these residents to walk an additional block or two to reach the closest bus stops is likely to discourage bus transit, an outcome contrary to the purpose of these bus transit improvements, which is essentially to encourage the use of buses in the city. Furthermore, some residents would be unable to walk that additional distance, and would be deterred from taking the bus altogether.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on April 25, 2016, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Agbro, Griffiths, Rivas, Hoey, McKay. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.