

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



**Resolution Regarding Improved Bus Service
to New DCPS High School on MacArthur Boulevard**

DCPS is scheduled to open the planned new high school on MacArthur Boulevard at Q Street in August 2023 on the former lower-middle school campus of Georgetown Day School.

Approximately 200 students will be enrolled at the high school for school year 2023-2024 in grades 9 and 10, with gradual increases over the years up to target enrollment of about 900 students.

Many residents of the ANC 3A area are within the boundaries for the new high school, which reach from Foxhall and Palisades to Wesley Heights and Glover Park north through Westover, Cathedral Heights and McLean Gardens north nearly to Tenley Circle and east into parts of Cleveland Park along Porter Street to Rock Creek Park (the same boundaries as Hardy Middle School). Students in these ANC 3A neighborhoods will have to travel 2.5 to 3.5 miles each way to get to school and to get home.

A major share of the students will also be attending the school from other parts of the District including locations outside the boundaries, as is the case for most DCPS schools in Ward 3.

Transportation options to and from the new school will be a major interest for families and a significant part of making the decision to attend the school. Improved bus service will be essential for the new high school to succeed.

Current bus service to the school site is provided only by Metrobus route D6 which runs about every 15 minutes during the morning and afternoon peak (5:30 - 8:30 am and 3:10 – 6:20 pm), with service every 20 minutes through the rest of the day. That route will have to add more frequent service to accommodate students at the new school and meet transportation and environmental goals.

The D5 Metrobus which offered peak time weekday service on MacArthur Boulevard to and from Farragut Square could also provide important additional service to the new campus, but the D5 has been suspended since the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency.

Other services could get students to Reservoir Road to connect to service on MacArthur, including the D2 bus between Glover Park and Dupont Circle. The D1 Metrobus between Glover Park and Franklin Square also provided frequent morning and evening service in weekday peak times, connecting to the D5 and D6, but the D1 also was suspended in March 2020 and has not yet been restored. Increased service on all those bus routes would be useful for meeting anticipated increases in demand related to the high school opening on MacArthur, especially if connections between the routes are well timed. Bus service on other key roads in the area which are not currently served by Metrobus could also be helpful.

The Commission urgently requests that the Mayor, the Council, DCPS, DDOT, and WMATA give priority attention to ensuring that needed public transportation is available to the new high school and putting the necessary funds into the operating budget by the start of the school year 2023-2024 to add to the bus service. We understand that ANC 3D is recommending an additional \$5 million annually be devoted to increasing bus service to the southern part of Ward 3, including the areas surrounding and served by the new school, which would be a significant contribution to meeting related transit needs.

We ask the District and transportation officials to support the planning and investment needed to make additional public transit options available to students and staff at the high school on MacArthur Boulevard.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024)

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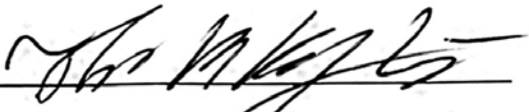
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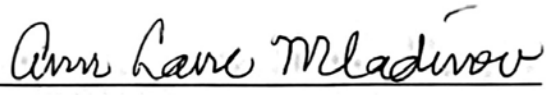
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Chair


Secretary

This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 5-0 at a duly noticed public meeting on February 21, 2023, at which a quorum was present. By this vote, the Commission also authorizes the Chair or his designee to represent the Commission on this matter.