



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

DRAFT RESOLUTION #4B-20-0403

Supporting Construction of a Bike Storage Facility at East Entrance to Takoma Metrorail Station (HPA 20-221)

Adopted April 27, 2020

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (ANC 4B or the Commission) takes note of the following:

- The applicant (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority or WMATA) has proposed the demolition of existing plastic bike storage “boxes” and replacement with a modern, attractive bike storage facility at the East Entrance of the Takoma Metrorail Station.
- The Takoma Metrorail Station, 327 Cedar Street, NW, falls within the boundaries of ANC 4B, Single Member District 4B01.
- 327 Cedar Street, NW, is within the Takoma Park Historic District, requiring the approval of the Historic Preservation Review Board for Construction (HPA 20-221).
- The Takoma Metrorail Station is a valuable multimodal transit hub and center of community activity for the broader Takoma and Northern Ward 4 community.
- The station is served by high frequency heavy rail, regional bus through WMATA, local buses through Montgomery County RideOn, bikeshare through Capital Bikeshare, scooter and bikeshare through several dockless providers, taxicabs through a designated stand, several pedestrian access points, and bike routes from both Maryland and the District of Columbia including the planned route of the Metropolitan Branch Trail.
- Approximately 5-9% of DC workers [commute by bicycle](#) and even more commute using both bicycle and train.

- Currently, bike commuters are served at the Takoma Metrorail station by exposed outdoor parking or unattractive, inefficient, and dated plastic bike storage boxes.
- Bicycle commuting is one of the most environmentally-friendly and low-impact methods of commuting in light of the global climate change crisis.
- If we don't preserve our planet against the catastrophic impact of climate change, we won't be able to historically preserve anything else.
- All of the construction of the Metrorail station and surrounding environs is from outside the period of significance for the Takoma Park Historic District and is significantly set apart from buildings of historic significance.

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports the application to the Historic Preservation Review Board for construction of a bike storage facility at the East entrance of the Takoma Metrorail Station, 327 Cedar Street, NW.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission believes that the bike storage facility will be an attractive and necessary community asset and urges WMATA to commence construction as soon as practicable.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Evan Yeats, ANC 4B01, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out his representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

Consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position

of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by a voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of XX of nine members was present) on April 27, 2020 by a vote of XX yes, XX no, XX abstain.

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