



**Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION #4B-21-0101
Supporting Construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail
(NOI #20-110-PSD)
Adopted January 25, 2021**

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

- Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) gave written notice on December 30, 2020 of their intent to construct a segment of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) along the 7100 block of Eastern Avenue NW.
- This project was first identified in the Metropolitan Branch Trail concept plan (2004) and was included in the Metropolitan Branch Trail Environmental Assessment (2012) and the MoveDC long-range transportation plan (2014).
- This segment of the trail is a ten foot wide shared-use path along the North side of 7100 Eastern Avenue Northwest to the Maryland border with a planted buffer.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B previously expressed support for the concept of this trail connection in 2018. (*See Resolution 4B-18-0107 “Comments and Recommendations Regarding The Metropolitan Branch Trail from McDonald Place/New Hampshire Avenue NE to Aspen Street/Sandy Spring Road NW AND from Piney Branch Road/Takoma Avenue NW to the Maryland MBT,”* January 22, 2018).
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B previously expressed support for “timely progress on and completion of the MBT as a whole, and the Commission encourages DDOT to accelerate the construction of the traffic safety and calming portions of the trail project regardless of trail

construction schedule.” (See [Resolution 4B-20-0702](#) “ANC 4B Additional Recommendations on the Metropolitan Branch Trail,” July 27, 2020).

- In the same resolution, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B recognized the importance of placemaking and wayfinding signage along the MBT to connect the trail to local people and businesses.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B previously expressed support for the Metropolitan Branch Trail as “long-planned and long-overdue essential transportation link.” (See [Resolution 4B-20-0104](#) “Providing Feedback on Proposed Changes to the Comprehensive Plan,” January 27, 2020).
- Construction of this trail segment includes significant beautification, environmental and safety improvements for this area including:
 - Seven new street trees
 - Bioretention areas for stormwater
 - Four new Washington Globe streetlights, and
 - Shortened crossing distances and safer environment for pedestrians at portions of the intersection on Piney Branch Road NW and Eastern Avenue NW.
- Construction has been coordinated with the conclusion of the PEPCO construction in the area to reduce impact on the community.

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports DDOT’s planned construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail in the 7100 block Eastern Avenue NW as an essential transportation link for our community with environmental, economic and safety benefits. We urge DDOT to complete this section rapidly and to consider wayfinding and placemaking signage as part of this project to integrate the project into our community more fully.

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 matters 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 show of hands vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of XXX of nine members was present) on January 25, 2021 by a vote of XX yes, XX no, XX abstain.