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Re: Chevy Chase ANC 3/4G Transportation Task Force (M4 Bus Capacity Issues)

To DDOT and WMATA,

Please note that at our duly noticed January 26, 2015 meeting, the Chevy Chase ANC (ANC 3/4G) voted 5 to 0 (a quorum being four) to submit this letter to the D.C. Department of Transportation ("DDOT") and Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority ("WMATA"). This letter is a follow up to our ANC letter from May 15, 2014, regarding our adoption of various recommendations from the Chevy Chase ANC Transportation Task Force. We herein comment further on the M4 bus, which as we noted is especially full with school children traveling to and from Deal and Wilson, while at the same time also accommodating many commuters on their way to or from Tenleytown. During peak rush hours in the morning, there is just not enough room on the M4 to accommodate both groups of bus users. At the same time, Deal (D31, 32, 33, 34) and Wilson (W45, 47) specific buses also use the Nebraska corridor as a final leg of their routes from points east in the morning, but often travel down Nebraska with many empty seats. Although students can ride any bus for free (a great benefit that we would never suggest changing), the paying non-student rider cannot use the Deal and Wilson buses. We suggest that DDOT and WMATA consider implementing the following options on a pilot or trial basis as soon as possible:

1. Provide more frequent or larger M4 buses during the peak rush hour from 7:45 AM – 8:45 AM.
2. Re-route the Deal and Wilson buses to better serve the upper reaches of M4 territory, to take weight off of student use of the M4.

3. Allow all city residents to ride on the Wilson and Deal buses.

Thank you for considering these suggestions. We look forward to your reply, perhaps at our next ANC meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Chair, Chevy Chase ANC

cc: Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh