

**Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G**

**RESOLUTION - Establishment of the ANC 3/4G Transportation
Committee**

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G (Commission) takes note of the following:

1. The Commission's By-laws, amended January 11, 2021, allows the Commission to establish Standing Committees to address the areas of greatest concern (see By-laws Article VI, Section 2) to the Commission. The By-laws also provide that the Commission shall define the composition and approve the mission of any Committee.
2. In a recent survey on the Small Area Plan, Chevy Chase DC (CCDC) residents were asked what they liked most about living in Chevy Chase. The vast majority wrote they loved living in a neighborhood where you could walk to stores, parks, the local movie theater, library, and community center.
3. Mayor Bowser has committed, as of 2021, to “Vision Zero,” which “aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.” The goal of Vision Zero is “to eliminate all fatal and serious injury crashes.” See <https://visionzero.dc.gov/pages/overview>
4. However, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists are now at *significant risk* throughout the District of Columbia, due to inadequate infrastructure, lax enforcement of motor vehicle safety laws and other factors. Traffic fatalities in DC rose from 35 to 52, or nearly 50 percent in 2023 from 2022. As of March 4, 2024, traffic fatalities in 2024 had increased an additional 50 percent from 2023. <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/traffic-data>. Although DC has developed a long-range transportation plan (moveDC), this plan has advanced in patchwork fashion.
5. The city is also committed to fighting climate change and “to make DC the healthiest, greenest, most livable city for all residents.” See Sustainable DC 2.0 Plan <https://sustainable.dc.gov/sdc2> Recent actions by WMATA suggest, however, it is moving away from offering CCDC residents sustainable transit options., In 2021, WMATA discontinued and then eliminated one neighborhood bus route, the E6 bus line, which had served the CCDC neighborhood for many decades. This forced Chevy Chase commuters and residents to use motor vehicles instead of public transit. Besides cars, mobility in Chevy Chase rests heavily on Metrobus, along with walking or biking, because the nearest Metrorail station is at least one or two miles away for most residents. Beyond the elimination of the E6 line, WMATA frequently threatens further reductions in bus service

in Chevy Chase, due to chronic under-funding by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

6. Chevy Chase is facing increased density and pressure on transportation resources due to the redevelopment of the civic core, with housing, as well as the rezoning of upper Connecticut Ave. These trends will likely increase the demand for public transportation and other modes of transportation. The redevelopment of the civic core may include only limited parking for motor vehicles. Absent improvements in public transit, pedestrian safety and multi-mode transportation infrastructure, growing density could lead to greater motor vehicle traffic and increased pressure on available parking.
7. The residents of ANC 3 / 4 G need improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle drivers, greater access to safer multi-mode transportation, improved traffic enforcement and transportation infrastructure, attention to the proper allocation of available parking resources, frequent and reliable Metrobus service.
8. To be more successful, current efforts by residents and ANC 3/4G to improve public transportation, transportation safety and infrastructure and increase accountability require greater planning, coordination, and systematic follow-through with D.C. officials, agencies, and WMATA. Due to the demands of many other pressing community concerns, ANC 3/4G has faced challenges in addressing transportation issues in a proactive, persistent and systematic manner.

RESOLVED:

1. The Commission establishes the ANC 3/4G Transportation Standing Committee.
2. The purpose of the Transportation Standing Committee is to assist the ANC to better address the transportation needs of neighborhood residents, and to increase ANC residents' knowledge of and engagement in transportation issues.
3. The Transportation Committee shall work to achieve the following outcomes:
 - a. Develop a systematic and more comprehensive approach for collecting individual ANC3/4 G residents' transportation concerns to inform the ANC for appropriate action.
 - b. Identify high priority transportation issues within the ANC that need addressing and present to the ANC potential appropriate responses to these issues.
 - c. Assist ANC 3/4G to be prepared to testify at relevant DC agency public, oversight and budget hearings.
 - d. Assist ANC 3/4G to stay informed and engaged on all WMATA issues related to maintaining and improving Metrobus service.
 - e. Assist ANC 3/4G to work proactively with Ward 3 and 4 Council Members to improve high priority transportation issues.

- f. Develop partnerships with other ANC transportation committees and neighboring ANCs around common transportation issues.
 - g. Develop a mechanism for tracking ANC 3/4G transportation issues raised with DDOT and WMATA to increase the accountability of all city agencies responsible for transportation safety, service and infrastructure for responsiveness to the needs of ANC 3/4G residents and the Commission.
4. The Commission appoints Commissioner James Nash, ANC 3/4G-03 as Chair of the Transportation Committee, Cal Simone and Michaela Platz as co-Chairs. The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of nine (9) members, who will be selected according to the Commission's By-Laws.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. The Committee shall be advisory to the Commission and shall not act on behalf of the Commission, act independently, or represent its recommendations or opinions as official Commission policy to others, without having obtained the Commission's formal authorization.
2. The Commission shall not delegate official decision-making authority to the Committee.
3. The appointment of Committee Chairs shall precede the appointment of Committee members.
4. Any resident of the Commission area shall be eligible to be appointed as a designated Committee member. Such Committee members may also include local business or non-profit representation, as appropriate. The Commission may involve representatives of other neighborhood groups in the work of the Committees.
5. Committee members shall serve for a period of one year from the date of their appointment and may request to renew their membership for additional one-year terms without limit.
6. The Commission should make every effort to appoint Committee members that represent each Single Member District.
7. The Commission shall appoint members of the Committee no later than the May 13 ANC public meeting. Appointments shall be by a majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting.
8. The Committee may elect officers as necessary. Committee officers shall hold office coterminous with those of the Commission. The Committee shall designate a member to record and report, to the Commission Secretary, the results of each Committee meeting.

9. The Committee shall have the authority to create sub-Committees as needed. Sub-Committees must consist of the Committee members, except in circumstances where the sub-Committee requires expertise beyond those of sub-Committee members. Sub-Committees report directly to the Committee.
10. The Committee shall adopt rules of procedure and practice under which it shall operate, to be submitted to the full Commission for approval. The Committee shall prepare a mission statement to be submitted to the full Commission for approval.
11. The Committee shall have the power and the responsibility to develop attendance requirements for the Committee and its sub-Committees.
12. The Committee shall require a quorum to adopt any recommendations. It shall satisfy this requirement if a meeting is attended by either a majority of the Committee's members then serving or the Committee Chair and one other Committee member.
13. There shall be no voting by proxy.
14. Commissioners shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.
15. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and may be held virtually.
16. The Committee shall give the public at least seven calendar days' notice of each meeting.
17. The Committees and any sub-Committees shall operate in conformity with the By-Laws of the Commission and in conformity with relevant District of Columbia law regarding the scope of Commission activities.
18. In its deliberations, the Committee shall hear from all constituents who wish to participate, regardless of race, sex, age, voting status, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner James Nash, ANC 3/4G-01, to represent the Commission in all matters related to this Resolution.

ADOPTED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of xx members was present on March 25, 2024, by a vote of xx yes, xx no, xx abstentions.

Lisa Gore, Chair

Bruce Sherman, Secretary