

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



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Chairperson Imtiaz, ANC 5E
Washington, DC
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NOI# 25-35-CPD

Re: Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign in ANC 5E

Dear Chairperson Imtiaz,

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) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 29, 2025, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will launch a new bus network for the region, the result of over two years of analysis and public engagement (see <https://betterbus.wmata.com/> for more information). In coordination with DDOT S Street NW Revitalization (<https://sstreetnw-revitalization.ddot.dc.gov>) project construction these plans may be implemented prior to June. Although DDOT is not responsible for planning or operating the service, some of WMATA’s bus routing and stop changes require adjustments to traffic patterns and/or parking regulations on the District’s streets. In your ANC, DDOT is supporting WMATA’s Better Bus initiative by adding 10 new bus stops, relocating 2 stop bars and removing parking for bus turns.

Curbside Changes:

1. New Bus Stop - Restoration of southbound stop ID 1001612 at 3rd St and Rhode Island Ave NW for new route C91 (see Figure 2)
2. New Bus Stop - Restoration of northbound stop ID 1001601 at 3rd St and Rhode Island Ave NW for new route C91 (see Figure 2)

3. New Bus Stop - Remove 3 unregulated parking spaces and convert to a bus stop for the restoration of southbound stop ID 1001585 at 3rd St and R St NW for new route C91 (see Figure 3)
4. New Bus Stop - Remove 4 unregulated parking spaces and convert to a bus stop for the restoration of northbound stop ID 1001578 at 3rd St and Florida Ave NW for new route C91 (see Figure 3)
5. New Bus Stop - Remove 5 parking spaces (Two Hour Parking weekday daytime – Zone 5 exception) and convert to new northbound bus stop at 3rd St NW and Q St NW for new route C91 (see Figure 4)
6. New Bus Stop - Remove 5 parking spaces (Two Hour Parking weekday daytime – Zone 5 exception) and convert to new southbound bus stop at 3rd St NW and Q St NW for new route C91 (see Figure 4)
7. New Bus Stop - Remove 3 unregulated parking spaces and convert to a bus stop for the restoration of eastbound stop ID 1001448 at P St and 3 St NW for new route C91 (see Figure 2)
8. New Bus Stop - Restoration of westbound stop ID 1001585 at P St and 4th St NW for new route C91 (see Figure 5)
9. Stop Bar Relocation - Move stop bar on 3rd St NW to accommodate for new routes C91 turns (see Figure 6)
10. Stop Bar Relocation - Move stop bar on P St NW to accommodate for new routes C91 turns (see Figure 6)
11. Parking Removal - Remove 1 Zone 1 parking spaces on east side of 3rd St NW to accommodate new routes and C91 turns. (see Figure 6)
12. New Bus Stop - Establish new eastbound bus stop at New York Ave and New Jersey Ave NW for new route D34 (see Figure 7)
13. New Bus Stop - Remove 2 parking spaces (Rush-hour restricted) and convert to new westbound bus stop at New York Ave and New Jersey Ave NW for new route D34 (see Figure 7)



Figure 1: Overview of Changes in ANC 5E

DETAIL OF PROPOSED ACTIONS



Figure 2: Overview of Changes in ANC 5E



Figure 3: Overview of Changes in ANC 5E

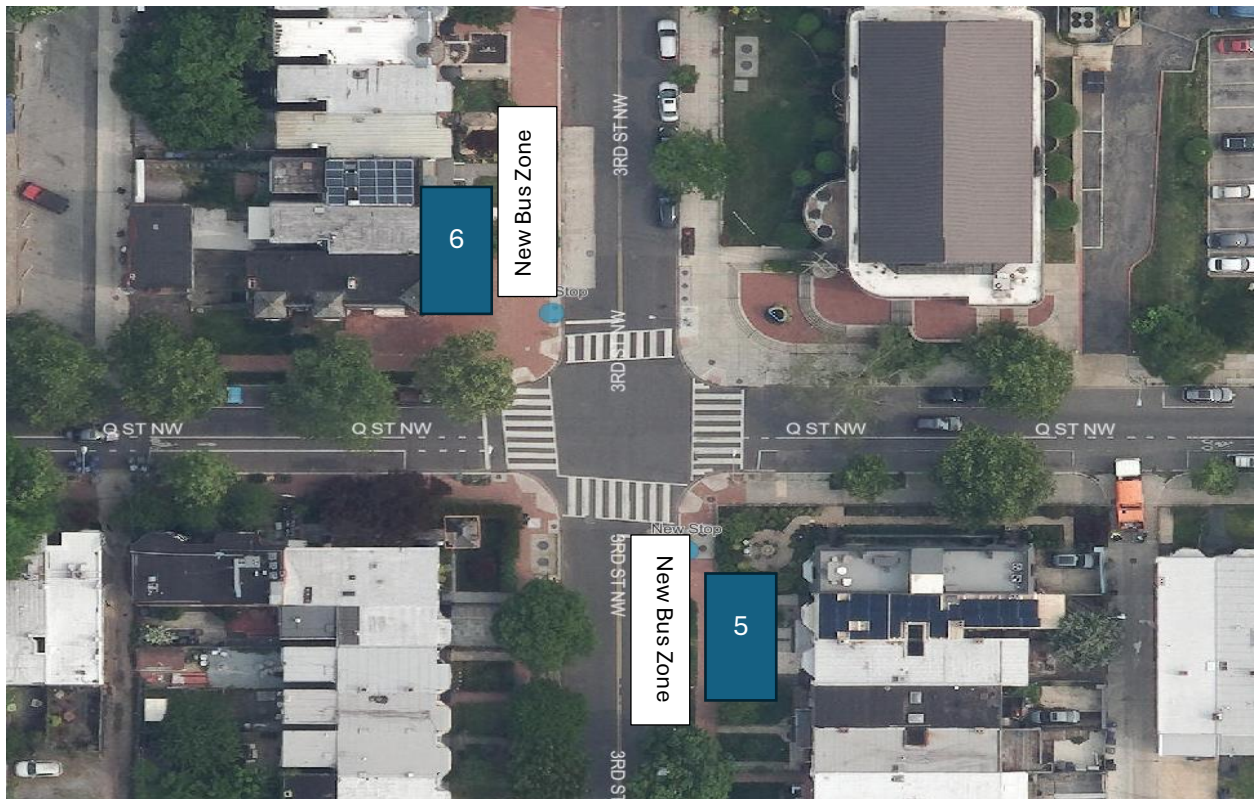


Figure 4: : Overview of Changes in ANC 5E



Figure 5: Overview of Changes in ANC 5E

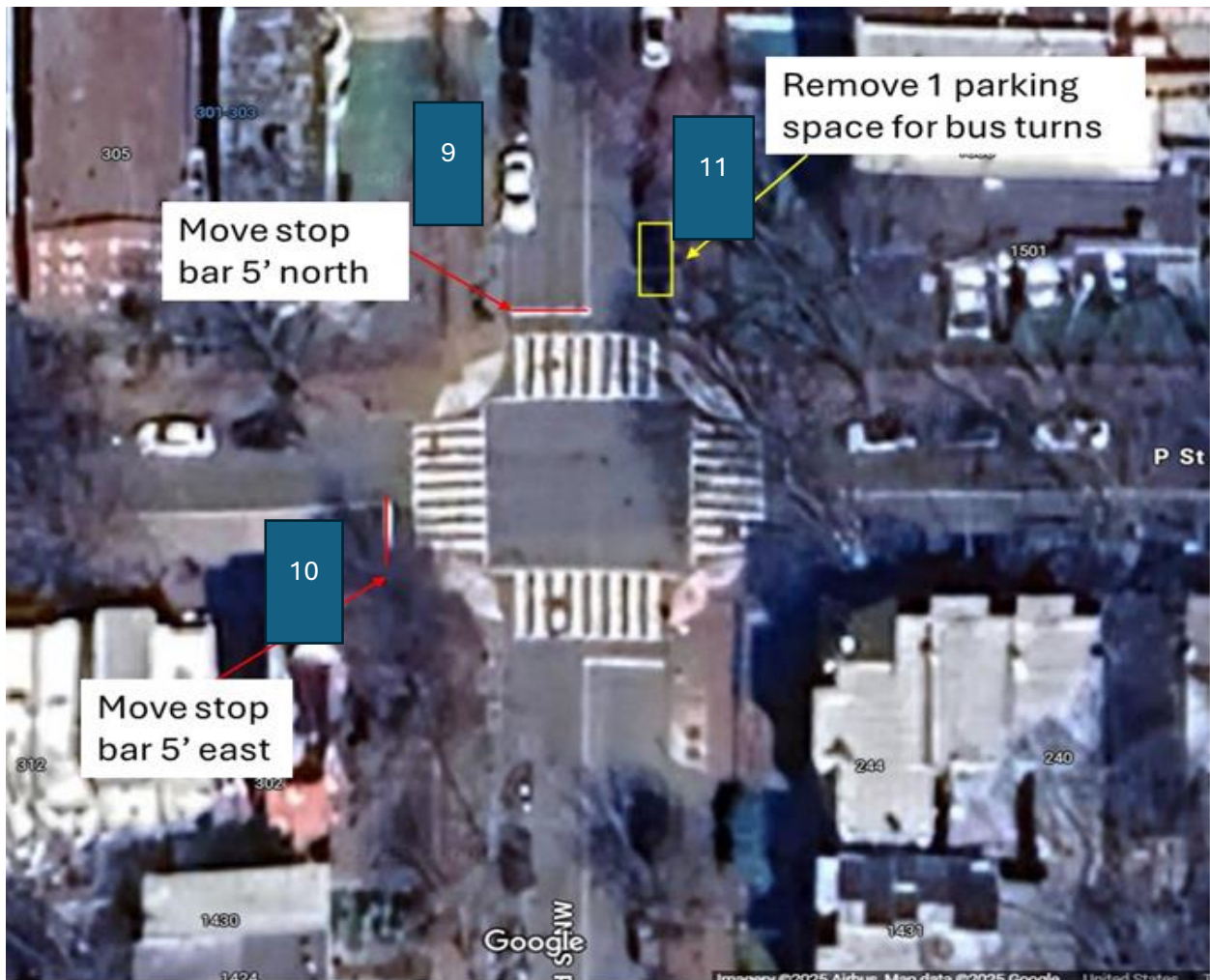


Figure 6: Overview of Changes in ANC 5E

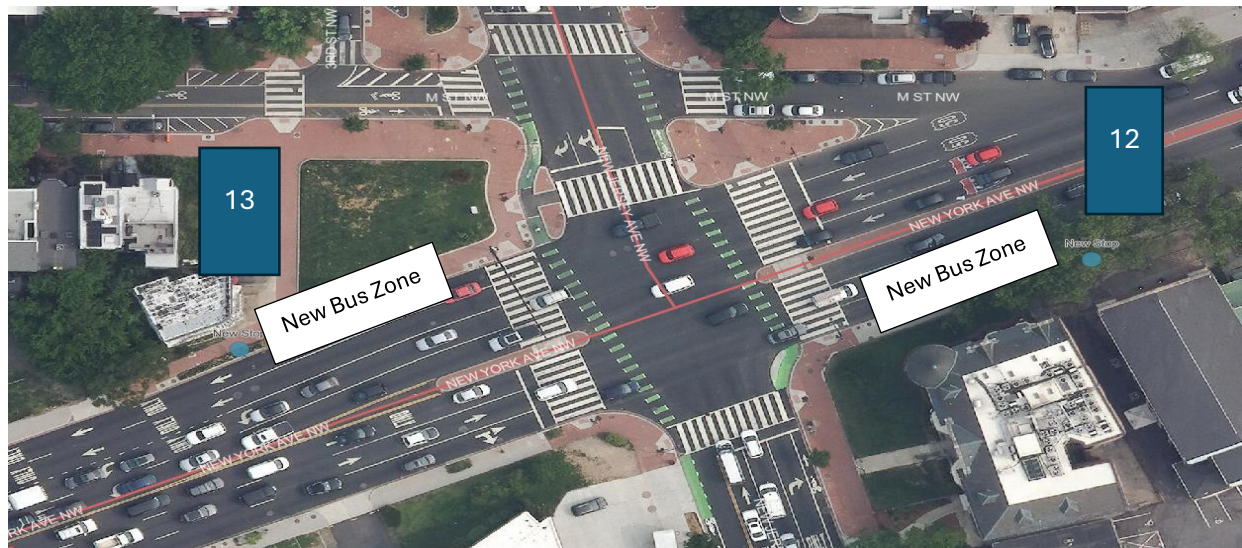


Figure 7: New York Ave NW & New Jersey Ave NW

New Bus Stops

DDOT needs to designate 100 feet of clear curb for each bus zone to provide buses enough space to pull in and out from the curb. Existing parking that overlaps with new bus zones - either due to outdated parking setbacks or bus stop length requirements, will need to be removed to support WMATA's bus operations.

Parking Removal for Safe Bus Maneuvers

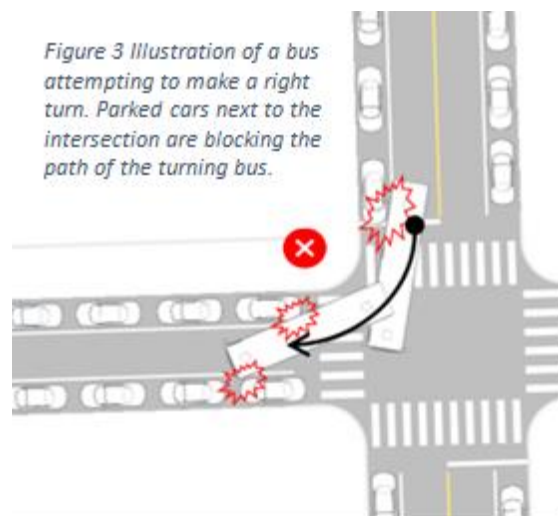
Turning buses require more space than normal passenger vehicles. On narrower streets, vehicles parked too close to the intersection can impede these wide turns, leading to traffic backups and running the risk of vehicle damage. While most bus turns happen in locations known to be clear for large vehicles, there are some locations where WMATA has requested that parking be restricted so that buses can turn safely.

In many instances, WMATA's request for parking restrictions overlaps with DDOT compliance standards that prohibit parking at intersections for safety reasons.

In the past, WMATA has been able to serve narrower streets with smaller buses (30 feet long compared to 40 feet for a standard bus) that can make tighter turning movements. Unfortunately, these smaller buses are no longer available for WMATA to buy, and the existing fleet has reached the end of its useful life.

Stop Bar Relocation

For traffic approaching a red traffic signal or stop sign, the stop bar indicates where vehicles are required to come to a complete stop. At most intersections, the stop bar is a few feet back from the crosswalk to ensure that drivers have a full view of pedestrians and the intersection is clear. Stop bars may be placed further away from an intersection in situations where more clear space is needed for turning movements by buses and other large vehicles.



Additional information from WMATA: Based on assessment of roadway conditions and timeline to improve safe bus operations, some Metrobus routes have been adjusted since Better Bus Network Redesign materials were last shown. Metro is in the process of updating maps to reflect these changes, which will be released April of 2025.

For comments related to Metrobus routing and service, please contact WMATA directly through <https://wmata.custhelp.com/> or by calling 202-637-1328. WMATA will share information regarding new bus routes, route names, stop changes, and other important communications in spring 2025 via the WMATA website and associated social media channels.

Regarding stop consolidations, please contact WMATA directly through <https://wmata.custhelp.com/> or by calling 202-637-1328. Please see WMATA's website to find a list of stops that WMATA is proposing to remove, which could result in the return of parking. https://wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Bus-Stop-Consolidation_2025-Better-Bus-Network.pdf

Comments on the traffic and/or parking changes in this Notice of Intent must be filed in writing (which includes email) by April 1, 2025 with the District Department of Transportation, Capital Planning Division, 250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://ddot.dc.gov/service/notice-intent>. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

Capital Planning Division

District Department of Transportation

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About the 2025 Better Bus Network <https://betterbus.wmata.com/>

- This is the first comprehensive redesign of the Metrobus network since it was developed over 50 years ago.
 - The 2025 Better Bus Network was adopted by the Metro Board on November 21, 2024. The adopted network builds on more than two years of planning, 23 weeks of public input, and 33,000+ comments that were provided from customers across the region.
 - WMATA will launch the Better Bus Network on June 29, 2025 and will provide:
 - More frequent, all day, all week service, including midday, evening, Saturdays, and Sundays
 - More connections to job centers, transit stations, hospitals, and other places people want to travel
 - More convenient and direct service, saving customers time and improving operations
 - More reliable service using bus lanes
 - To ensure that Metro can safely and reliably operate the new network, some on-street signage, operations, or infrastructure changes will be needed in the District.
 - For example, in some cases, the public requested service along a street that is too narrow for buses to operate on in both directions and therefore, some infrastructure changes are needed.
 - In other cases, routes that travel deep into neighborhoods may need stop signs added or parking spaces relocated to allow for buses to turn safely.
 - The infrastructure changes are necessary to allow safe and reliable bus operations for customers, operators, pedestrians, and drivers.
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