



June 19, 2018

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes-Norton  
2136 Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin  
431 Cannon House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Holmes-Norton and Raskin:

Thank you for sharing your suggestions and concerns regarding the upcoming shutdowns of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Rhode Island Avenue and Brookland-CUA Metro rail stations. Your insight is especially timely as we've been working to develop strategies and alternatives that minimize the disruptions for local residents and our customers.

Bus service is a major part of our plan with bus shuttle service scheduled between the closed rail stations, as well as service enhancements on the local routes. This includes expanding Metrobus Route G9 service to operate every day of the week throughout the duration of the shutdown with service available for customers at all times the rail system is open.

We appreciate your suggestion to extend Yellow Line train service during this time to meet the needs of the Red Line passengers traveling to and from downtown Washington. We agree with your position that this would help commuters save time and avoid additional station transfers that lengthen their daily commutes.

Our plans for this summer's upcoming station closure differ significantly from the Takoma Station shutdown of 2017. Quentin Kelly, with WMATA's Office of Government Relations has briefed your staff on our plans to resolve or minimize potential disruptions and we will keep your staff and the entire community informed of developments in advance of the closure. Leading up to the closure, we will share specific service information and travel alternatives for customers via the WMATA website, in-person outreach and other communication channels.

Thank you for contacting me and your continued support of Metro. If you have additional questions or concerns please contact me directly or your staff may contact Quentin Kelly in WMATA's Office of Government Relations by phone at (202) 962-1333 or by email at [qtkelly@wmata.com](mailto:qtkelly@wmata.com).

Sincerely,

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