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DCST Recommendations for DC FY20 Budget

Dear Mayor Bowser, Deputy Mayor Kenner, Director Marootian, and Budget Director Reed,

DC Sustainable Transportation (DCST) is a coalition of business, advocacy, and government entities who work together to make DC a global leader with frequent, rapid, safe, affordable, and reliable transportation to, from, and around DC job centers. We have been working closely together to advance shared priorities around bus service, curbside management, and emerging technology in transportation.

As you formulate the budget for Fiscal Year 2020, we would like to suggest the following items be included in order to ensure fast, reliable, and equitable mobility for residents and workers in DC and position DC to best embrace a 21st century transportation future.

All of these items relate to the DDOT budget unless otherwise specified. More detailed estimates of the costs of each item are in the enclosed table.

Bus Priority

- Create a dedicated bus priority team with a manager and two additional new FTEs with engineering and planning expertise to plan, design, and deliver bus priority projects.
 - Making bus service faster and more reliable represents the best opportunity to improve mobility and equity in DC transportation, and a dedicated focus on delivering these projects will best ensure progress.
- Ensure funding to complete bus lane implementations proposed on 16th Street, 14th Street, and the H/I Street summer pilot as well as additional projects east of the Anacostia.
- Provide one additional DPW ticket writer to enforce the existing Georgia Avenue bus lane and enforce the 16th, 14th, and H/I bus lanes as well as others in the future.

- Fund an ongoing pipeline to study, design, and implement one major corridor each year, so 1 corridor is in study, 1 in design, 1 in implementation each year.
- Fund a community engagement study of bus needs for communities around the District.

Curbside Management

- Establish a 3rd shift at DPW for night-time enforcement activities including pick-up/drop-off zones but also including other nightlife enforcement needs, to coordinate with the DC Office of Nightlife and Culture.
 - Currently, there are significant enforcement challenges late at night, but any enforcement is extremely expensive due to the need for dedicated overtime resources. As DC's nighttime activity grows, there is enough overall need for enforcement to make a night shift at DPW the most cost-effective approach.
- Perform an analysis followed by an NOI for installing 7,000 bike racks in all parts of the District.
 - Bike racks located in all neighborhoods, likely mostly at street corners, will remove barriers to bicycling and help ensure that the growth of dockless e-bikes and scooters serves people in all neighborhoods with a minimum of impact on specific homeowners in residential areas.
- Beginning in FY2021, fund a contract for sufficient staffing at a contractor to install 5,000 racks over 5 years.

Emerging Technology

- Create a team with a manager and one additional FTE at DDOT to handle autonomous vehicles and other emerging technology, including micromobility (dockless bikes and scooters). Anticipate adding 2-3 more FTE in FY21 depending on the pace of technological development.
- Fund a study of pricing options (roadway and curbside), including a focus on equity and the potential for regional collaboration, to reduce congestion and possibly raise revenue. in light of increasing congestion and the development of autonomous vehicles.
- Fund pilot projects for implementation of publicly shared AVs in the District.

Budget Support Act provisions

- Extend the Pilot Passenger Loading Zone Act of 2018, created in the FY2019 Budget Support Act, to be permanent.
 - This subtitle of the FY2019 Budget Support Act created regulatory authority to establish and enforce pick-up/drop-off zones and should be extended permanently.
- Delegate authority to DDOT to determine residential parking (RPP) zones and decouple them from wards in advance of the 2020 redistricting.
 - RPP zones have historically matched wards, which creates unnecessary controversy when wards are redrawn. School, police PSA, planning area, and other boundaries do not have to shift each time, and neither should parking. Further, authority at DDOT to set zones will allow the agency to better respond to opportunities to improve residential parking.

Cost estimates

Area	Recommendation	Need	Grade	Approx. Cost	FY
Bus Priority	Bus Priority team	Bus Priority Manager	MS-14	\$159,565	Ongoing
Bus Priority	Bus Priority team	Engineer	CS-13	\$122,003	Ongoing
Bus Priority	Bus Priority team	Other team member	CS-12	\$105,509	Ongoing
Bus Priority	Project completion	16th Street		\$10,000,000	2020
Bus Priority	Project completion	14th Street		\$1,000,000	2019
Bus Priority	Project completion	H/I Streets		\$1,000,000	2019
Bus Priority	Enforcement	DPW ticket writer	CS-8	\$64,531	Ongoing
Bus Priority	Ongoing pipeline	Pipeline Study		\$1,000,000	Future
Bus Priority	Ongoing pipeline	Pipeline Design		\$1,000,000	Future
Bus Priority	Ongoing pipeline	Pipeline Construction		\$5,000,000	Future
Bus Priority	Public engagement	Study		\$250,000	2020
Curbside	Enforcement	3rd shift at DPW		\$750,000	Ongoing
Curbside	Bike parking	Citywide analysis		\$250,000	2020
Curbside	Bike parking	Installation		\$460,000	2021-2025
Emerging Tech	Emerging Tech team	Emerging Tech Mgr	MS-14	\$159,565	Ongoing
Emerging Tech	Emerging Tech team	Other team member	CS-12	\$105,509	Ongoing
Emerging Tech	Pricing study	Pricing study		\$2,000,000	Multi-year
Emerging Tech	Pilot programs	Pilot programs		\$3,000,000	2020

Calculations behind many of these items are available at [this spreadsheet](#).