

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**Committee on Public Works and Transportation**  
**Hearing on PR18-1164, the Streetcar Project Comprehensive**  
**Plan Resolution of 2010**

**Written Testimony of**  
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Thank you, Chairman Graham, for calling today's important hearing to consider PR18-1164, the Streetcar Project Comprehensive Plan Approval Resolution of 2010. My name is Adam Healy, and I was recently elected to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 6A01. My single member district includes the north side of H Street NE from 7th to 13th. I strongly support the H Street/Benning Road streetcar project and encourage you and your colleagues to adopt PR18-1164 quickly.

The exciting promise of a streetcar line on H Street has been an important driver of the revitalization seen in recent years along the corridor. Streetcars will offer a critical new mode of desperately needed public transportation along H Street and throughout our city. Anyone who has traveled to or through H Street knows the area lacks high-quality, reliable public transit. While the X2 bus line has improved, it is crowded, unpredictable, and does not provide the level of public transportation necessary to support further economic development. Further, the overall streetscape construction on H Street has been a burden on both residents and businesses, and now is not the time to delay the completion of the streetcar project as the streetscape is getting closer to completion.

I believe DDOT has done a good job of outlining their plan to make this streetcar line become a reality. Of course there are challenges to completing this important project, but I'm confident the dedicated staff at DDOT will see this project through to successful completion. DDOT's report meets the requirements imposed by the Council earlier this year, and now is the time for the Council to move this project forward. The Council needs to approve the DDOT streetcar plan and release the \$34.5 million in funding soon so streetcars will be operational on H Street by 2012.

I want to recognize the profound role Councilmember Tommy Wells has played in supporting the streetcar plans in our city. He has been a true champion, and this project wouldn't be as far along as it is without his commitment and leadership. Thank you again, Chairman Graham, and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues to make sure streetcars become a reality soon.