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SUBJECT: Support for Applicant, BZA Case No. 21230

We are writing to **support** the zoning adjustment application of Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) in Case No. 21230, being heard at the March 5, 2025 meeting.

We are excited that WABA selected a new office location close to the bike-walk trail we support, the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT). 1110 Hamlin Street NE is only a [half mile](#) from the MBT. We hope that WABA can take full advantage of that location. In the coming years, FoMBT can do more frequent and wider scope activities with WABA that benefit nearby residents. Potential activities include “bike rodeos” for young residents interested in biking and “bike buses” providing safety-in-numbers protection and navigation to students and parents commuting to and from the numerous education campuses within a few miles of WABA’s new Hamlin NE office.

Thank you,
Kim Irby
Advocacy Captain

About Friends of the Metropolitan Branch Trail

Friends of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (FoMBT) is a 501(c)(3) public charity operating in Washington, D.C. [EIN 33-1428668; DCLP Nonprofit Corporation File No: N00008205621]. Formed in 2022, FoMBT advocates for the improvement, maintenance, safety, activation, and expansion of northeast D.C.’s north-south urban artery for non-car mobility, the Metropolitan Branch Trail. With membership from trail users and neighborhood stakeholders such as adjacent businesses and community organizations, FoMBT serves the community by operating trail rest areas with drinking water, trash cans, and other amenities in gaps between permanent infrastructure. Additional activities supported by volunteers include trail clean-ups, facilitating operations and maintenance capabilities of local government owner-operators, and encouraging increased use of bikes, mobility devices, and feet for essential and recreational travel. Find more information at <https://metbranchtrail.org>, send us an email at friendsofmbt@gmail.com, or reach us at 202-709-5361 (text message or call).