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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: MAR -3 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Omnibus Parking Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-536 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required. District agencies that enforce and administer operations impacted by the proposed legislation may have initial operational pressures, but have sufficient staff and resources to fully implement the proposed initiatives.

Background

The proposed legislation makes technical changes to the D.C. Official Code with regard to law surrounding motorized vehicle parking in the District. On July 14, 2005, the Council of the District of Columbia (Council) held a public hearing to debate various parking studies and proposed initiatives. As a result of the hearing, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) proposed this legislation to implement several of those initiatives.

The proposed legislation restores reciprocal parking privileges to persons with disability parking tags or placards issued by other jurisdictions. In addition, the proposed legislation authorizes the establishment of time limitations at such reserved spaces, provided that such time restrictions are not less than twice the time established for the nearest non-reserved parking space.

The proposed legislation requires a study concerning the number, placement and accessibility of spaces and meters, and requires that persons with disability parking tags or placards comply with the time at all parking spaces once the reserved spaces are established. The spaces will be established in accordance with the previously mentioned study and are subject to possible exceptions established by future Mayoral rulemaking.

The proposed legislation will limit households to no more than three residential permit parking (RPP) stickers, and establishes a progressive fee structure for residential parking. In addition, the proposed legislation eliminates the Motor Vehicle Parking Agency and its authority over municipal off-street parking facilities. The authority for these matters will be restored to the Mayor.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

DDOT recently completed key studies that address parking issues, downtown congestion and curbside usage. In addition, the Mayor's Parking Task Force, Motor Carrier Management and Threat Assessment Study, the Tour Bus Initiative, and the Downtown Congestion Management Task Force also completed work resulting in amendments contained in the omnibus bill.

The proposed legislation makes no new appropriations available to implement the bill's provisions. The District's existing local Budget and Financial Plan will be required to absorb any additional or unforeseen costs that are subsequent to this action. No additional revenue is anticipated at this time.