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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: June 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - Second Amendment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Funding Agreement Emergency Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 14, 2017

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 budget and the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The underlying local funding agreement commits the District to \$76.1 million in capital funding during the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) fiscal year 2018 that begins on July 1, 2017.

Background

The District supports WMATA's capital project needs, along with the other member jurisdictions,¹ through two five-year Capital Funding Agreements. The first is a multi-jurisdictional agreement among the District, WMATA, and the other member jurisdictions. The second is a local agreement between the District and WMATA that incorporates anti-deficiency restrictions on the District's financial commitments to the multi-jurisdictional agreement. The two agreements work in tandem to specify the District's required contributions and limit the District's obligations. Both agreements will end on June 30, 2017.

The bill approves a one-year extension to the local capital funding agreement between the District and WMATA to fund WMATA for its fiscal year 2018, which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30,

¹ Jurisdictions include the State of Maryland; Arlington County, Virginia; Fairfax County, Virginia; the City of Alexandria, Virginia; the City of Fairfax, Virginia; and the City of Falls Church, Virginia.

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2018. The cost of the extension is \$76,100,000.² A separate bill proposes the one-year extension to the multi-jurisdictional agreement.³

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 budget and the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. WMATA's fiscal year 2018 spans the final quarter of the District's fiscal year 2017 and the first three quarters of the District's fiscal year 2018. Since capital payments are made quarterly, the first payment will come from fiscal year 2017 funds, which are budgeted, and the remainder will come from a \$76.1 million allotment budgeted for fiscal year 2018.

² This extension brings the total value of the agreement to \$565,514,000 from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2018.

³ Second Amendment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Local Capital Funding Agreement Emergency Act of 2017.