

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: June 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Closing of Public Alley in Square 77, S.O. 13-00803, Act of 2013"

REFERENCE: Bill 20-156, as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget, and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill declares the entire T-shaped alley system in Square 77¹ unnecessary and orders it closed. George Washington University ("GWU") is the sole property owner of all the property in Square 77, and the closing would consolidate GWU's property in that square. GWU intends to redevelop the square and build a new student residence hall with 800-850 beds and student program space.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget, and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) indicates the alley is not necessary for future transportation needs and does not object to the closing. There are three existing DDOT alley lights that will need to be removed at the expense of GWU. GWU will bear the estimated \$6,975 cost of removing DDOT owned streetlights in the alley.

¹ Square 77 is bordered by 21st Street, NW on the east, 22nd Street, NW on the west, H Street, NW on the south, and I Street, NW on the North.