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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: June 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Highway Trust Fund Reprogramming Policy Act of 2011"

REFERENCE: Draft Amendment to Bill 19-203 received on June 9, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient to implement the proposed amendment.

Background

The proposed amendment would¹ exempt the Highway Trust Fund from reprogramming requirements after August 1 of each fiscal year.

Financial Impact

Funds are sufficient to implement the proposed amendment. In August, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) redistributes unobligated federal-aid highway program funds to states through a competitive process. The proposed amendment would allow the District to accept the redistributed federal transportation funds for federal-aid eligible projects without having to do reprogramming of local funds while Council is on recess during August of the fiscal year.

There is no fiscal impact in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution. If funds are awarded to the District and funds are reprogrammed without Council approval, it must be done within existing resources as Federal and District anti-deficiency laws² prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year.

¹ By amending the Reprogramming Policy Act of 1980, effective September 16, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-100; D.C. Official Code § 47-363).

² 31 U.S.C § 1341 (2007) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et seq.* (2001)