

**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** December 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue  
Area Development Plan Approval Resolution of 2009"

**REFERENCE:** Draft - No Resolution Number Available

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**Conclusion**

There is no fiscal impact at this time with the enactment of the proposed resolution. Implementing any of the recommendations requiring public investment as identified in the Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue Area Development Plan Approval Resolution of 2009 would need to be budgeted and appropriated in future years or absorbed in existing agency budgets.

**Background**

The proposed resolution would approve the proposed Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue Area Development Plan ("Plan"), as submitted to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer on November 26, 2008.

The stated purpose of the Plan is to provide a strategic framework for revitalization of the area immediately surrounding the Riggs Road, N.E. and South Dakota Avenue, N.E. intersection in Wards 4 and 5. The Plan is intended to guide growth and development within the neighborhood in order to improve its economic vitality and the physical appearance for the benefit of both current and future residents, businesses, and institutional stakeholders.

The Plan includes land use changes at key development opportunity sites that are intended to facilitate transit oriented development and the activation of the intersection. The plan also includes a set of recommendations—including those that require public investment—that are intended to address important community issues, such as urban design, open space, and housing.

Section 2 of the Plan provides a number of matrices that identify goals, recommendations, implementation strategies, lead agencies and organizations, and the projected timeframe for the completion of each identified goal. These matrices also indicate whether District funding would be required to implement each goal. However, the Plan does *not commit* District resources to implement such goals. Public expenditures intended to realize the goals and strategies identified in the Plan are subject to the applicable laws relating to the appropriation of District funds.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

There is no fiscal impact with the enactment of the proposed resolution. Implementing any of the recommendations requiring public investment as identified in the Plan would need to be budgeted and appropriated in future years or absorbed in existing agency budgets. Both Federal and District anti-deficiency laws<sup>1</sup> prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year.

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<sup>1</sup> 31 USCA § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et seq.* (2003).