

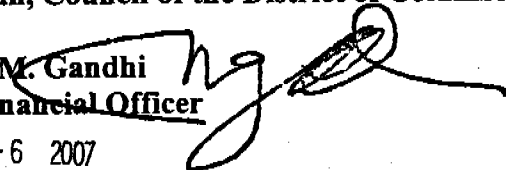
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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: FEB -6 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "District Department of
Transportation DC Streetcar Transit System Amendment Act
of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – No Bill Number Available

CHAIRMAN GRAY

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Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Capital funds have been made available in the District's budget and financial plan for light rail work.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the District Department of Transportation (DDoT) to plan, develop, finance and operate a mass transit streetcar service within the District of Columbia. The system will be a local mass transit electric railway powered by overhead electric wires. The proposed legislation amends current law which prohibits overhead contact systems in certain areas.

The proposed legislation also modifies the existing DC Circulator Fund to become the DC Transit Systems Fund. The Fund is a non-tax revenue proprietary fund used currently to appropriate and expend resources to administer and operate the DC Circulator buses. The Fund will serve the same purposes for the streetcar service.

Provisions of the proposed legislation require the Bill not to go into effect until the implementation of D.C. Bill 16-634, the "District Department of Transportation DC

Circulator Amendment Act of 2006 introduced on March 6, 2006. D.C. Bill 16-634 was enacted as Act 16-554 on December 19, 2006. The projected D.C. Law date is March 4, 2007.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The District's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes \$13 million for overland light rail work. DDoT also receives funds from WMATA for light rail transportation. Additional resources in future years will need to be appropriated to fully build out the streetcar system.