

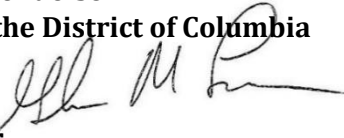
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Closing of the former Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Right of Way on Lot 817 in Square 708, S.O. 23-05325, Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-216, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 9, 2025

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

In 1945, a private landowner¹ along the north bank of the Anacostia River granted the District a right-of-way easement to build and operate the original Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge. The recently constructed replacement Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge no longer needs the right-of-way across the property and the easement is no longer in effect.

The bill formally closes the right-of-way granted to the District to facilitate the property owner's redevelopment of the property. The right-of-way closure is wholly contained on private property and there is no physical closure of any District roadways.

¹ The property is known for assessment and tax purposes as square 708, lot 817.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs to the District associated with fully terminating the right-of-way granted to the District. The closure is located on private property.