

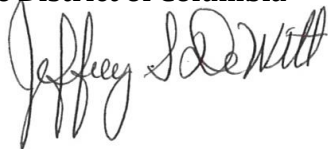
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: December 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
Authority Safety Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2015

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December
14, 2015

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Tri-state Oversight Committee (TOC) is the State Safety Oversight (SSO) agency for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). TOC makes numerous safety recommendations to the WMATA member jurisdictions,¹ but it does not have the authority to enforce those regulations. The member jurisdictions wish to create a new, replacement SSO under a multi-state compact agreement that will have greater enforcement authority.

The bill authorizes the Mayor to transfer funds² to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for the purpose of establishing a replacement SSO.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs associated with authorizing the Mayor to provide funding to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to facilitate the development of a new state safety oversight agency.

¹ Member jurisdictions include the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

² The transfer can be a grant, contract, sub-grant, or other transfer option.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Safety Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2015," Draft Resolution as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 14, 2015

The Council of Governments has a \$2 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration which requires a local funds match from each member jurisdiction. The District is responsible for and has identified approximately \$136,000 for the match. The Mayor will utilize this new authority to transfer the \$136,000 to the Council of Governments.