

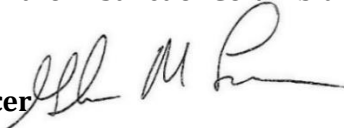
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** July 11, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - Transportation Improvements Amendment Act of 2024

**REFERENCE:** Bill 25-738, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 26, 2024

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The federal government has and continues to act upon its authority<sup>1</sup> to transfer land to the District for various purposes, including recreational uses. The bill expands the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Project Delivery Administration's duties to include the administration of transportation improvement plans located on lands transferred for recreational purposes, if the land is adjacent to public space and is part of a larger transportation improvement plan.

The bill establishes that the Mayor has adequate interest<sup>2</sup> in roadways and bridges that have been entrusted to the Mayor by Congress<sup>3</sup> that are located on National Park Service (NPS) land. This will allow DDOT to operate, reconstruct, or maintain this infrastructure on NPS land that the District has not purchased, condemned, been provided an easement, or controlled through a transfer of

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<sup>1</sup> 40 U.S.C. § 8124 and section 1 of An Act To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of Columbia, approved May 20, 1932 (47 Stat. 161; D.C. Official Code § 10-111).

<sup>2</sup> Consistent with Title 23, U.S.C.

<sup>3</sup> An act for the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved June 20, 1874 (18 Stat. 116; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-101.01 et seq.).

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jurisdiction. DDOT's projects on these roadways and bridges are still subject to the appropriate NPS permits.

The bill also repeals the statutory establishment of DDOT's organizational structure.<sup>4</sup> The bill enhances DDOT's statutorily assigned duties<sup>5</sup> to ensure DDOT maintains responsibility for any duties that were codified in the proposed organizational structure repeal that were not codified elsewhere. The bill provides the DDOT director with the flexibility to establish organizational offices and divisions as the director needs to fulfill DDOT's assigned duties.

The bill also includes conforming amendments to the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act<sup>6</sup> to align with the bill's changes to DDOT's organizational structure.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill ensures that DDOT has the necessary authority to implement transportation improvement plans on lands that have been transferred to the District for recreational purposes or that the District does not control, but where DDOT has responsibility to maintain related to roadways and bridges. DDOT can absorb any costs associated with this authority within the agency's existing budgeted resources.

There are no costs associated with repealing DDOT's codified organizational structure as the bill maintains the agency's existing duties and responsibilities.

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<sup>4</sup> Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code § 50-921.03).

<sup>5</sup> D.C. Official Code § 50-921.04.

<sup>6</sup> Effective December 23, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-158; 68 DCR 732).