

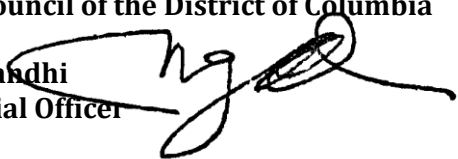
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: November 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Impact Statement – “Washington Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Bill 19-744, Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on November 26, 2012

This revised fiscal impact incorporates the changes in the Committee Print, and replaces the fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 27, 2012.

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) was created in 1967 by an interstate compact to plan, develop, build, finance, and operate a balanced regional transportation system in the national capital area.¹ Each member jurisdiction appoints two members and two alternates to the WMATA Board of Directors.² Currently, the Council of the District of Columbia appoints all four of the District’s appointees with no defined term limits.

The bill outlines specific qualifications for consideration for appointees to the WMATA Board and creates a framework for staggered terms, including term limits. The bill requires that an individual appointed to the Board not have worked directly for WMATA within the one year preceding appointment, be qualified in areas of transit and transportation planning and management,

¹ Information on WMATA can be found at www.wmata.com.

² The jurisdictions are Virginia, the District, Maryland, and the Federal government. The Federal government does not select alternate members (D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01(5)(a)).

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engineering, finance, public safety, homeland security, human resources, or law, or be knowledgeable of the transportation issues in the WMATA region. The appointee must also affirm his or her use of WMATA services, and provide annual reports to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia on his or her attendance record.

Additionally, the bill creates staggered appointments beginning on January 1, 2013 with one principal Director serving four years, his or her alternate serving three years, a second principal Director serving two years, and his or her alternate serving one year. Terms that last less than four years in the new system due to the staggered appointments shall not count toward the appointed Director's limit of two consecutive four year terms.

The bill states that the appointees to the WMATA Board of Directors serve at the pleasure of the Council, and the appointees will be subject to District's ethics laws.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The Council currently appoints two members and their alternates to represent the District on the WMATA Board of Directors. The bill outlines specific qualifications for consideration in appointing Directors and creates staggered appointment terms with limits, but does not impose any fiscal burdens on the District.