


Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

To: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
From: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole and Additional Legislative Meeting
DATE: October 28, 2024

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 28, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Additional Legislative Meeting should one be scheduled:

Permanent Legislation Approved by the Committee

- **B25-488, the “Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2024”**

B25-0488, originally introduced as the “Mount Vernon Triangle/Eastern Market/Barracks Row Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2023”, expands the Great Streets retail priority area to include parts of Barracks Row, Eastern Market, and Mount Vernon Triangle. This expansion would allow additional businesses in these corridors to be eligible for the District’s Great Streets grants program.

The Committee Print made two changes to the introduced version. First, the bill was renamed to the “Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2024.” Second, the Committee worked with Councilmember Brianne Nadeau to include in the print an expansion of the Georgia Avenue retail priority area and make necessary corrections to existing boundaries in the statute. The expansion allows the Georgia Avenue retail priority area to extend south down Georgia Avenue N.W. to connect all the way to Howard University.

A copy of the filed Committee Report is attached.

Emergency Legislation

- **Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The Committee on Business and Economic Development approved the Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2024 on October 23, 2024 (“permanent legislation”) to address gaps in the Great Streets program in various parts of the District of Columbia. To ensure that these new eligible participants can apply for the Great

Streets grants in Fiscal Year 2025 without delay when the Great Streets program opens to take applications in January 2025, the Council must pass this emergency and temporary legislation.

The draft measures are attached. Feel free to contact Daniel Sagrera, Policy Advisor, at dsagrera@dccouncil.gov, with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director