

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve a Reimbursable Agreement for more than \$1 million with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to develop a bus rapid transit system on H Street and Benning Road between Union Station and RFK Stadium named the “Gold Line”.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 Fiscal Year 2027 and 2028 Reimbursable Agreement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve a Reimbursable Agreement (Agreement) with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to develop a bus rapid transit system named the “Gold Line” of which Phase 1 will support the development of the H and Benning Street corridors, Union Station and the area surrounding the existing RFK Stadium.

(b) Council approval is necessary since this is a multiyear agreement in excess of \$1,000,000.

34 (c) Furthermore, Council approval is necessary to ensure the frequent bus service
35 operating in dedicated, enforced center-running bus lanes along H Street and Benning
36 Road, NE, connecting the RFK stadium and redevelopment to Union Station is completed
37 in time for the opening of the new RFK stadium.

38 (d) The total amount to the District for this Agreement is \$5,000,000 from capital
39 funds appropriated in FY 2027.

40 (e) The DDOT Director has the authority to enter into this Reimbursable
41 Agreement under the general authority specified in sections 3 and 5(a)(1)(A) and (1)(P)
42 of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002
43 (D.C. Law 14–137; D.C. Official Code §§ 50–921.02 and 50-921.04(a)(1)(A) and (1)(P))
44 and Section 1(j-1) of An Act To grant additional powers to the Commissioners of the
45 District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 819;
46 D.C. Official Code § 1–301.01(j-1)).

47 Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Council shall submit a copy of this resolution, upon
48 its adoption to the Mayor.

49 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia adopts the fiscal impact
50 statement of the Chief Financial Officer as required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of
51 Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (D.C. Code § 1-206.02(c)(3);
52 87 Stat. 813).

53 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.