

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To establish a Surface Transit Planning Task Force to develop strategies for governance and financing of the District of Columbia Streetcar System; to establish the membership of the Task Force; to define the duties of the Task Force; and to establish reporting requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Surface Transit Planning Task Force Establishment Act of 2012”.

Sec. 2. Establishment.

There is established a Surface Transit Planning Task Force (“Task Force”) to serve as a collaborative body to develop strategies for the governance and financing of the District of Columbia Streetcar System.

Sec. 3. Membership.

(a) The Task Force shall be composed of 7 members.

(b) Six of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor; provided, that the Director of the District Department of Transportation and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic

Development shall be ex officio members of the Task Force. The Mayor shall designate one person to act as Chair.

(c) The Councilmember who chairs the Committee with oversight of the District Department of Transportation shall appoint one member.

(d) Each member shall serve without compensation, except that members may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the service of the Task Force.

(e) The District Department of Transportation shall provide administrative support for the Task Force.

Sec. 4. Duties.

(a) The Task Force shall develop a strategic plan to assist in the construction, financing, management, and operation of the District of Columbia Streetcar System.

(b) In developing a strategic plan, the Task Force shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning:

(1) Construction and maintenance funding needs;

(2) Options for sustainable revenue sources for transit;

(3) Options for financing construction and maintenance;

(4) Options for system governance; and

(5) Potential models for public-private partnerships to achieve the Districts surface transit goals.

(c) The Task Force shall solicit public input as part of its strategic planning process.

Sec. 5. Reports.

(a) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the Task Force shall submit an

interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the Council. The interim report shall address:

(1) The need for the creation of a governance structure from surface transit activities; and

(2) Short-term financing needs for the continued construction and operation of the District of Columbia Streetcar System.

(b) Within 150 days of the effective date of this act, the Task Force shall submit a final strategic plan to the Mayor and the Council, including recommendations for a governance structure for surface transit activities and a sustainable financing plan for the District of Columbia Streetcar System.

Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 7. Effective date.

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This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.