

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2012-177
October 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Establishment — Mayor's Streetcar Financing and Governance Task Force

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2012 Supp.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. **ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby established within the executive branch of the government of the District of Columbia the Mayor's Streetcar Financing and Governance Task Force ("Task Force").

II. **PURPOSE**

The Task Force shall advise the Mayor on issues related to the financing and governance of the streetcar system.

III. **FUNCTIONS**

The Task Force shall:

1. Provide detailed annual cost estimates for the construction of each portion of the 22-mile priority segments of the planned 37-mile streetcar system, including separate estimates of any streetscape or ancillary improvements associated with construction of the streetcar system;
2. Provide detailed annual cost estimates for the operation and maintenance of the streetcar system for at least the first eight (8) years of operation;
3. Examine potential sources of funds, including District capital funds, special assessments, tax increment financing, private investments, value

capture mechanisms, and federal funds, for the construction of the streetcar system;

4. Examine potential financing options for the construction of the streetcar system, including options that minimize the impact of financing on the District's debt cap;
5. Examine potential sources of funds for the operation and maintenance of the streetcar system, including District operating funds, special assessments, fare box revenue, advertising revenue, regional contributions, and federal funds;
6. Propose reasonable timelines for the construction of each portion of the streetcar system, based on the funding and financing models;
7. Examine potential forms of governance for the construction and operation of the streetcar system, including the establishment of an independent agency; and
8. Transmit to the Mayor written reports of its findings and recommendations.

IV. **MEMBERSHIP**

The Task Force shall be composed of the following fourteen (14) members:

1. The City Administrator, who shall serve as chairperson of the Task Force;
2. The Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT);
3. The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development;
4. The Director of the Office of Planning;
5. The Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia;
6. The Director of the Mayor's Office of Budget and Finance;
7. The Director of the Department of General Services;
8. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; and
9. Six (6) public members, to be appointed by the Mayor, one (1) of whom shall be designated to serve as vice chairperson of the Task Force. Each of the public members shall have expertise in transportation systems design

or engineering, public-private development partnerships, project financing, and/or economic development.

V. **TERMS**

Each member of the Task Force shall serve until the Task Force ceases to exist pursuant to section VIII of this Order, unless earlier removed by the Mayor.

VI. **COMPENSATION**

The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION**

1. Meetings of the Task Force shall be held at such times and locations as are designated by the chairperson. At the discretion of the Task Force, the public may be invited from time to time to comment on issues being considered by the Task Force, including the final report of the Task Force.
2. The Office of the City Administrator and DDOT may enter into agreements with experts and consultants and for other purposes, in accordance with procurement law, to assist the Task Force in carrying out its purpose and functions.
3. DDOT shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Task Force.
4. DDOT, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and any other District agency, at the request of the chairperson, shall provide technical support to the Task Force.
5. The Task Force may, through DDOT, accept donations of goods and services to assist the Task Force in carrying out its purpose and functions, as long as such donations are in conformance with District of Columbia laws and regulations.


VIII. **SUNSET**

The Task Force shall cease to exist as of December 31, 2013.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be effective immediately.


VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
CYNTHIA BROCK-SMITH
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA