A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 1, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002 to provide the Director of the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") with greater discretion to delegate the agency's duties and responsibilities, to provide the DDOT Director with the authority to construct, maintain, and control DDOT infrastructure on land transferred from the federal government for recreational purposes in cases where the land transferred is adjacent to public space and is part of a transportation improvement plan or project, and to provide that the District has an adequate interest sufficient to meet federal highway funding requirements in federal parkland where transportation infrastructure projects are located; and to amend the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020 to provide the Director of DDOT with greater discretion to delegate the agency's duties and responsibilities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Transportation Improvements Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) On July 9, 2024, the Council passed the Transportation Improvements Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective July 6, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-544; 71 DCR 9971) ("emergency legislation"). The emergency legislation is set to expire on October 24, 2024.

(b) The Transportation Improvements Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on September 17, 2024 (Enrolled version of Bill 25-891) ("temporary legislation"), is currently under mayoral review and will not complete its 30-day congressional review period prior to the expiration of the emergency legislation.

(c) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency legislation and effective date of the temporary legislation.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Transportation Improvements Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.