

A RESOLUTION

**Proposed Resolution
20-39**

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 authorize the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) to administer the Federal Transit Administration 5310 grant program to provide nonprofit organizations with vehicles to transport elderly and residents with disabilities within the District, to allow participating organizations to deposit funds into the District Department of Transportation Enterprise Fund for Transportation Initiatives to be eligible to participate in the program, and to allow DDOT to use the funds deposited into the District Department of Transportation Enterprise Fund for Transportation Initiatives by the participating nonprofit organizations toward the purchase of the vehicles.

**See Emergency Act
D.C. Act 20-7
20 DCSTAT 456**

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013”.

**District Department
of Transportation
Accessible Vehicles
Fund Congressional
Review Emergency
Declaration
Resolution of 2013**

Sec. 2. The District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) needs authority to enter into agreements with nonprofit organizations and District government agencies to provide van and bus access to elderly residents and residents with disabilities through a program known as “the 5310 Program.” The 5310 Program will not cost the District any money, as 80% of the funds for the vehicles will come from the Federal Transit Administration, and the remaining 20% will come from local nonprofit organizations and District government agencies that will operate the vehicles. This program has been delayed because DDOT lacks authority to accept the 20% portion of the cost of the vehicles from the nonprofit organizations and has no authority to enter into a contract with the nonprofit organizations. Because of this obstacle, DDOT has been unable to engage eligible nonprofit organizations that have the funds to participate in the program. As a result, the Federal Transit Administration is threatening to eliminate funding for this program. To avoid loss of funds and to provide improved access for elderly residents and residents with disabilities without delay, this emergency legislation is necessary. Furthermore, this Congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap between when the emergency, temporary, and permanent versions of this legislation become effective.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.