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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 12-0152			

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 City Hall

April 1, 2013

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #12-0152, Transform Baltimore – Zoning. This bill establishes a new zoning code for Baltimore City.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has reviewed the draft code and supports it. DOT has two notes to bring to the Committee's and Council's attention regarding the preservation of freight transportation facilities.

First, DOT appreciates the additional protections required for rezoning land from the Maritime Industrial ("MI") District to any other zoning district, and the required receipt of comments from the Maryland Port Administration, as outlined on page 104. As an additional safeguard, DOT respectfully requests that the Director of Planning also notify the Director of DOT when an application is filed to rezone property from the MI District (see Section 5-508(C)(II)). This will help DOT continue to maintain a cohesive, connective multimodal freight transportation network for the City.

Second, the Committee might want to consider adding a definition for a "loading space" in addition to defining a "loading berth" on page 38. The term "loading space" is used throughout Title 16 of the Zoning Article, particularly in Subtitle 9. A definition may add clarity.

These notes are simply for the Committee's consideration. DOT has no objections to this bill and respectfully requests it be granted a favorable vote.

Respectfully,



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