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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0288/ YORK CORRIDOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – ESTABLISHMENT		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

September 28, 2018

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #18-0288, which is for the purpose of creating a community benefits district, to be known as the York Corridor Business Improvement District; specifying the boundaries of the District; creating an Authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority’s Board of Directors; providing for an Administrator for the Authority; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the District; providing for the assessment, collection, and enforcement of a supplemental tax to be collected by and for the Authority; specifying the City’s role in maintaining and enhancing existing services; encouraging the creation of partnerships among the Authority, the City, the State, the Federal Government, and property owners not subject to the supplemental tax; designating the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the District and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, termination, and approval of the District and the Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the existence, operation, and control of the York Road Corridor Business Improvement District and Authority.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #18-0288. This bill is a direct result of the York Road Corridor Vision and Action Plan that was adopted by the Planning Commission in 2015. The plan is the result of a planning process that began in June of 2012 when interested parties from the City of Baltimore, Baltimore Development Corporation, Govanstowne Business Association, York Road Partnership, Notre Dame University of Maryland, Loyola University Maryland, and other stakeholders began meeting to vision a future for the York Road commercial corridor. The first corridor wide action initiative listed in the plan is to establish a York Road Business Improvement District so that a staffed organization can carry out the tasks set forth in the plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
- Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor’s Office
- Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor’s Office