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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0494		

TO

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

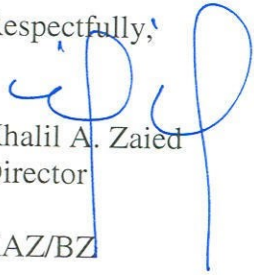
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Bill No. 10-0494 designates as a "Renewal Area" the area known as Annapolis Road, bounded generally by Indiana Avenue on the south, the alley in the rear of Sidney Avenue on the east, the Light Rail tracks on the north, and Tacoma Street/295 ROW on the west. It approves a Renewal Plan for Annapolis Road, establishes the objectives of the Plan, establishes permitted land uses in the Renewal Area, and provides that the provisions of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City apply to those properties in the Project Area. It also establishes rehabilitation and new construction standards, provides for a period of compliance with those standards, and provides for review of all plans for new construction, exterior rehabilitation, or demolition of any property. Finally, it includes certain provisions necessary to implement the plan by a specified date according to specific terms and procedures in a manner that is compliant with other State and local laws.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports City Council Bill No. 10-0494 with amendments. The DOT generally supports transforming the Westport area into a mixed use community with a "main street" atmosphere and harmonious redevelopment. Annapolis Road is and will continue to serve as a major truck route, however, and the DOT proposes that the Council amend this legislation to acknowledge and accommodate the thoroughfare's continued utility for freight service. The DOT proposes prohibiting outdoor seating along Annapolis Road, because regular freight traffic would make outdoor dining on Annapolis Road unenjoyable. Also, the DOT proposes that the Department of Housing and Community Development, upon selling its property, confirm that purchasers acknowledge that Annapolis Road is in fact a truck route.

The Department proposes the following amendments:

1. On page 2, line 31, after "area" strike "," and add, ", WHILE MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR SURROUNDING INDUSTRIAL LAND USES;"
2. On page 8, line 25, after "preserved." Add: "(4) Outdoor seating is prohibited on Annapolis Road."
3. On page 10, line 37, after "origin" strike "." and add, "; and acknowledge in writing that Annapolis Road is a truck route."

Respectfully,  
  
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Director  
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Mr. Jamie Kendrick  
Mr. Frank Murphy  
Ms. Barbara Zektick

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