## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> Re: City Council Bill 14-0383 – Maryland Department of Transportation –

County Transportation Revenue Bonds – Series 2014

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0383 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill, a Mayor and City Council Resolution, authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Department of Transportation to obtain proceeds derived by the sale of certain bonds. State law requires such a legislative approval be enacted in order for the City to receive these funds. Md. Code, Transp., §3-516(a). In addition, State law requires that the City demonstrate the ability to pay its share of the debt service of the bonds and that a "list of projects which may be undertaken" using these proceeds be made "available for review by the public at the public hearing" on this legislation. Md. Code, Transp., §3-516(a). State law also requires that the City enter into an agreement with the State's Department of Transportation that satisfies certain requirements. Md. Code, Transp., §3-517. The agreement attached to this bill satisfies those requirements.

Assuming that a list of projects to be undertaken will be available at the hearing on this bill, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 14-0383 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours.

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Chief Solicitor

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