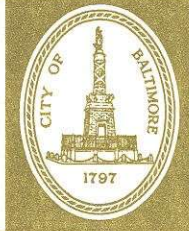


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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0083 – Acquisition of Property – A Fee Parcel, Slope Easement, and 2 Temporary Construction Easements Needed for the Key Highway Shared-Use Trail and Landscape Project

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0083 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise the fee simple or other interest in certain property along the east side of Key Highway. The City has the power to authorize by ordinance the acquisition of this property, by condemnation or otherwise, pursuant to the City Charter. *See* Baltimore City Charter, Art. I, §4, Art. II, §2. City Council Bill 12-0083 is the requisite ordinance.

However, the bill also cites Section 45 of Article II of the City Charter as a source of authority for this bill. Since that section concerns the City's operation of a water supply system and this bill does not concern the water system, the words "and 45" should be deleted from line 16 on page 1 of this bill.

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
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