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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0152R/ Revisiting Mayor and City Council Resolution 09-0433 – Street and Transportation Projects – Complete Streets		

DATE: April 2, 2014

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

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 14-0152R for review.

This resolution is for the purpose of calling on the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Planning to appear before the City Council to discuss the status and application of “Complete Streets” principles to the planning, design, and construction of all new City transportation improvement projects.

The Department of Planning is very supportive of the Complete Streets concepts and we work closely with the Department of Transportation in utilizing these concepts in our neighborhood master plans. We have included funds in recent and current capital budgets for a range of Complete Streets projects, including Belair Road, Highlandtown, Seton Hill, and West North Avenue. We have recommended a significant increase in FY15 Capital budget for continued implementation of the Citywide Bicycle Master Plan. Complete Streets has also been a high priority in the Casino Area Master Planning and Year 1 funding has been included for Complete Streets studies throughout the planning area. In addition, the proposed new zoning code features many provisions that promote a walkable, pedestrian-friendly public realm and includes upgraded bicycle parking requirements for both tenants and the public.

The Department supports CCB #14-0152R so that the City Council may have a complete report on new City transportation improvement projects that, using “Complete Streets” principles, provide or are planned to provide adequate and appropriate accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users.

Because the design and implementation of all public right-of-way projects (including streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, street lights, crosswalks, accessibility improvements, etc.) are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation, Planning staff believes it is most appropriate for DOT to provide the annual Complete Streets report. Therefore we respectfully request that the Department of Planning be deleted from the reporting section of Resolution #09-0433, with the annual reporting responsibility to be fulfilled by DOT. We will continue to assist DOT with planning and design review of proposed Complete Streets improvements.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of the Land Use and Urban Design Division, at 410-396-4488.

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- cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Chief for Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Mr. Alex Sanchez, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor’s Office
- Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
- Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services