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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0449		

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

January 26, 2015

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0449, Urban Renewal - Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program - Amendment _, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program to delete an existing land use and to add a new land use to the Plan, to establish design standards for the new land use, to remove certain language from a development objective, to delete the acquisition and clearance provisions from the Plan, and to delete a certain exhibit from the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill adds a new Transit-Oriented Development land use for the proposed Coldspring Transit-Oriented Development site and recommends rezoning of those properties from M-1-1 to B-2-3. The Transit-Oriented Development land use would further restrict the permitted uses in the proposed B-2-3 zoning. The bill would also create design standards for the Transit-Oriented Development land use.

DOT supports this bill because Transit-Oriented Development is an important, smart planning tool to encourage public transportation and take personal vehicles off our roads. I respectfully request that this Committee grant this bill a favorable report. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

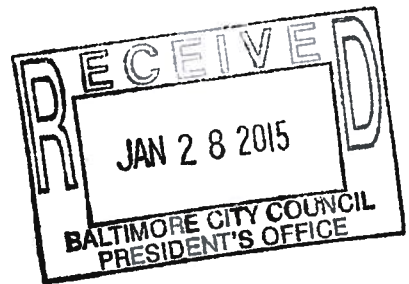
Respectfully,

Frank Murphy

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



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