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	Subject	City Council Bill 012- 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.		

To: Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
C/o Karen Randle
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council
400 City Hall

Date: November 26, 2012

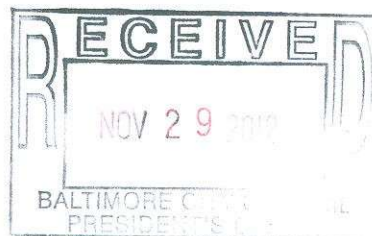
As requested, we have reviewed the subject Bill which, if approved, would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property located along the east side of Key Highway, known as 1465 Key Highway, being situate between Fort Avenue and key highway East and needed for the Key Highway Shared-Use Trail and Landscape Project as shown on the plats RW20-36294 and RW20-36297 filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Shared use paths are a type of trail designed to be part of a transportation system, providing off-road routes for a variety of users. The primary users of shared use paths are bicyclists and pedestrians, including pedestrians using mobility devices such as manual or motorized wheelchairs. While they may coincidentally provide a recreational experience, shared use paths differ from other types of trails with their transportation focus and serving as a supplement to on-road bike lanes, shared roadways, bike boulevards, and paved shoulders. Shared use path design is similar to roadway design but on a smaller scale and for lower speeds. Shared use paths differ from sidewalks and trails in that they are primarily designed for bicyclists and others for transportation purposes such as commuting to work.

The Department of Real Estate has no objections to the passage to City Council Bill 012- 0083, which is to take effect on the date it is enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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