CITY of BALTIMORE
MEMO

DATE: June 15, 2010

TO

The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0527 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Finance).
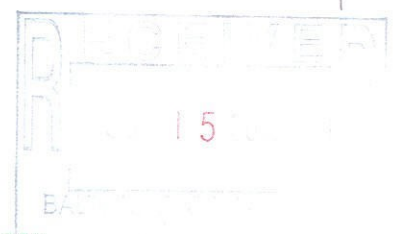
The purpose of the Bill is to transfer a Motor Vehicle Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of $2,000,000 from the Department of Public Works (Program 513 – Solid Waste Special Services) and $500,000 from the Department of Recreation and Parks (Program 505 – Park and Tree Services) to the Department of Transportation (Program 501 – Highway Maintenance) to provide funding to pay for additional operating expenses in Fiscal 2010.

On June 9, 2010 the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer of funds from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Recreation and Parks to the Department of Transportation. City Council Bill 10-0527, if approved, would enable this recommended transfer to take place, sending a surplus of $2,000,000 from Public Works to the Department of Transportation. This transfer will help fund operating deficits that were incurred during the heavy snowfall events of this past winter.

The Department of Public Works, like other non-public safety agencies of the City, has been operating for many years under a budget freeze on spending. The Department works hard to perform its mission with the resources it has while delivering efficient and effective service to our citizens. Guided by our Strategic Plan, we are prepared to meet future challenges. We recognize our partnership with other City agencies in delivering quality services to the citizens of Baltimore and, therefore, support passage of City Council Bill 10-0527.

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