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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0675		

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

September 27, 2011

I am herein updating my previous report on City Council Bill 11-0675.

The purpose of this bill is for repealing the Urban Renewal Plan for Key Highway East - Industrial and replacing it by designating as a "Renewal Area," an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Key Highway South; approving a Renewal Plan for Key Highway South; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing for Planning Department and Community review of development in the Renewal Area; providing that the provisions of the Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Project Area; providing that certain City-owned land and property interests within the Project Area may be sold, leased, conveyed, or transferred; creating disposition lots; providing that certain land is dedicated to public open space; providing for the establishment of any easements, to the extent reasonably feasible, by the developer prior to any issuance of building permits for new development; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development (PUD), the provisions of the PUD control; providing for the term of the Plan; establishing procedures for amending the Plan; providing that in the event of any question regarding the provisions of the Plan, the interpretation by the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development is final and binding; approving exhibits and an appendix to the Plan; providing for design guidelines; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

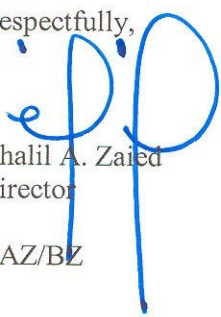
The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports City Council Bill 11-0675 with amendment. DOT supports the Planning Department's efforts to repurpose the Key Highway South community. However, Key Highway is and will continue to serve as a major truck route to and from the City. DOT would like to ensure that maintains its authority to design the streets in this area in a manner that preserves the safe and effective flow of trucks and all other traffic, and may waive these standards or guidelines if necessary to ensure this.

On page 9, under "IV Streetscape Guidelines," lines 33-38 as amended would read:

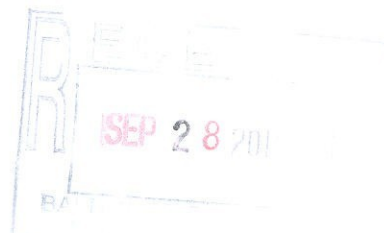
"The following standards and guidelines apply to both the design and construction of public right-of-way improvements and privately financed improvements within the public right-of-way in conjunction with proposed development. All design of streetscapes shall be coordinated with the Department, **and when designing and constructing public right-of-way improvements, the Director of the Department of Transportation may waive any of these standards or guidelines if it determines this is necessary to preserve the safe and effective flow of traffic.**"

DOT supports this bill with amendment and appreciates this opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Respectfully,

  
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Director

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Mr. Jamie Kendrick  
Mr. Frank Murphy