

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President

DATE:

February 27, 2008

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 08-0036

City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Monroe Street

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 08-0036, an ordinance for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Monroe Street, contiguous to the southwest side thereof and extending from Reisterstown Road, southeasterly 253.5 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 346-A-60A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

BDC has reviewed the proposed bill and supports the ordinance based on the MTA's need for transit patron parking accommodations. The Park & Ride lot will be expanded in order to replace parking spaces that are being lost due to the expansion of Mondawmin Mall retail space. An expanded Park & Ride supports the City's efforts to promote transit ridership. BDC views the expansion of the MTA Metro facilities as an additional benefit to the \$70 million renovation of Mondawmin Mall

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