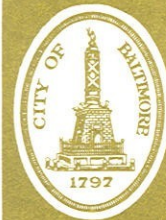


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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

DATE:
March 17, 2009

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

As proposed City Council Bill 09-0277 would authorize a Supplementary Special Fund Operating Appropriation to Department of Transportation - Program 234 – (Transit and Marine Services) to provide funds to pay for additional operating expenses.

The source of funds for this appropriation (\$3,021,730) will come from the Special Fund. The primary source of revenue for this Special Fund is the recent City Council approved increase in the parking tax from 12% to 16% effective December 1, 2008.

This additional funding will be added to the Fiscal 2009 operating budget to provide additional funds to operate a Downtown Circulator system. In conjunction with existing water shuttle operations the agency will operate the downtown circulator as well. It is hoped that this effort will result in the creation of an integrated transportation system that will address escalating congestion issues in the Central Business District. In addition, it is also hoped that the integrated system will tie together the City's growing waterfront communities for residents, visitors and workers to make it easier for people to use downtown all of the time.

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