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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #09-0430 Transit and Traffic -- Bike Lanes

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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

DATE: February 17, 2010

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill #09-0430 Transit and Traffic -- Bike Lanes. This legislation will allow the creation of bike lanes, prohibit parking or standing in bike lanes, and in general, ensure the safe passage of cyclists in bike lanes.

The bill should be amended as follows: “§ 20-5 MARKINGS (B) SIGNAGE (1) SIGNS ~~MUST~~ MAY BE INSTALLED MARKING THE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF A BIKE LANE.” Currently, bike lanes are most often delineated with pavement markings. Signage is not always necessary and could add to DOT expenses and unnecessary signage along our roadways.

The City’s Comprehensive Master Plan, in the LIVE Section, Goal #3, Objective #1, calls for the City to “implement [the] Bicycle Master Plan to create a complete bikeway system;” “implement Transportation System Management techniques to improve the efficiency and safety of [the] existing roadway system;” and “target Pavement Maintenance Management System funding to bicycle and bus routes and surface rail crossings.”

The Master Plan, in the EARN Section, Goal #3, titled “Improve Access to Jobs and Transportation Linkages between Businesses,” and in the LEARN Section, Goal #4, Objective #1, titled “Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to Schools and Libraries,” reinforces these LIVE strategies. The Department therefore finds that CCB #09-0430 is consistent with the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Therefore, the Department of Planning recommends approval of CCB #09-0430.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Gary Letteron, Environmental Planner with the Office of Sustainability, at 410-396-4369.

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