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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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July 1, 2011

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 11-0658 (as amended) – Traffic Mitigation –
Establishing Traffic Mitigation Zones

Dear President and City Council Members:

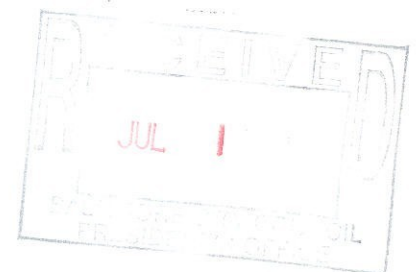
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 11-0658 as revised by proposed amendments. City Council Bill 658 modifies the current law regarding traffic mitigation requirements for certain development projects. The bill establishes fees and requirements for projects in “traffic mitigation zones” that are defined in the bill and for projects outside of traffic mitigation zones. The Department of Transportation is granted authority to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the requirements of the law.

After reviewing the amended version of the bill and discussing the changes with the Department of Finance, the Law Department is satisfied that its legal concerns are remedied with the understanding that language that appears to mandate expenditure of funds in a specific way is modified by the requirement that such expenditures are subject to appropriation by the Board of Estimates prior to expenditure.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 10-0658 as amended for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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