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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 09-0176R		

TO DATE: October 25, 2010

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 09-0176R introduced by Council Members Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Branch, Kraft, Young, Spector, Welch, Reisinger, Holton, Cole, Conaway, Curran, and D'Adamo.

The purpose of the Resolution is to reaffirm support for efforts to improve the conditions for cyclists and encourage more widespread awareness of the "Cyclists' Bill of Rights".

The City of Baltimore recognizes the role of the bicycle as an alternative means of transportation, healthy exercise, and as part of the urban fabric in its Bicycle Master Plan, the Sustainability Plan, and in the formation of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee. The City Council is considering and has passed several bicycle-oriented ordinances in an effort to provide safe passage for cyclists. During the last General Assembly session, a State law was approved which requires motorists to exercise due care and to pass a cyclist at a distance of not less than 3 feet.

City Council Resolution 09-0176R lists 12 principles of a "Cyclists' Bill of Rights" which include safe travel and equal access to public streets, involvement in transit and urban roadway planning, and First and Fourth Amendment protections. Adoption of this resolution by the City Council would affirm their support for these principles. Such an affirmation would be in keeping with previous actions of the Council and therefore the Department of Public Works supports its passage.


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