



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2019
TO: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: No Objection
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 19-0373 – Urban Renewal – Canton Industrial Area–Amendment

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to respond to City Council Bill 19-0373 introduced by Councilman Cohen and Council President Scott.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan to remove the property at 1200 S. Haven Street from within its boundaries and to revise certain exhibits to reflect the change.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in June 1990. Objectives of the URP are to maintain the Canton Industrial Area as an industrial and port-related employment area and to promote compatibility between the industrial area and the needs of nearby residential communities.

The vacant parcel addressed by this legislation once contained part of the former Exxon Baltimore Refinery complex, which closed and was dismantled several decades ago. Much of the refinery complex has since been replaced by the Canton Crossing retail complex. 1200 S. Haven Street awaits environmental remediation in anticipation of mixed-use redevelopment, which is already occurring on neighboring parcels.

While BDC supports this economic development project, the redevelopment must respect the importance and function of port-related trucking operations along the Haven Street corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

AGENCY POSITION

BDC has **no objection** to City Council Bill 19-0373.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com or at 410-837-9305.