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|                            | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of Transportation<br>417 East Fayette Street, Room 527 |   |   |
|                            | SUBJECT               | City Council Bill 11-0675   |   |   |

TO

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

June 23, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0675.

The purpose of this bill is for repealing the Urban Renewal Plan for Key Highway East - Industrial and replacing it by designating as a "Renewal Area," an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Key Highway South; approving a Renewal Plan for Key Highway South; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing for Planning Department and Community review of development in the Renewal Area; providing that the provisions of the Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Project Area; providing that certain City-owned land and property interests within the Project Area may be sold, leased, conveyed, or transferred; creating disposition lots; providing that certain land is dedicated to public open space; providing for the establishment of any easements, to the extent reasonably feasible, by the developer prior to any issuance of building permits for new development; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development (PUD), the provisions of the PUD control; providing for the term of the Plan; establishing procedures for amending the Plan; providing that in the event of any question regarding the provisions of the Plan, the interpretation by the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development is final and binding; approving exhibits and an appendix to the Plan; providing for design guidelines; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

DOT has no objections to City Council Bill 11-0675. DOT supports the Planning Department's efforts to repurpose the Key Highway South community. However, Key Highway is and will continue to serve as a major truck route to and from the City. Few gateways exist for truck traffic to enter the City and satisfy citizens' needs for goods without damaging Baltimore's transportation infrastructure or unnecessarily impacting residents' quality of life. Key Highway provides much-needed access for freight traffic between the city, port facilities and I-95. As this area's residential community continues to grow and thrive, its current and future residents should understand that they must accept truck traffic along Key Highway as a condition of urban living, however noisy, dirty and voluminous, for as long as Baltimoreans continue to need and want food, clothing, iPhones, medications, vehicles, and everything else that arrives by truck.

Respectfully,



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Director

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Cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson  
Mr. Jamie Kendrick  
Mr. Frank Murphy



*No obj/comments*