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	Subject	City Council Bill 13-0233		

July 22, 2013

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #0233, Harbor Point Special Taxing District FOR the purpose of designating a "special taxing district" to be known as the "Harbor Point Special Taxing District"; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the special taxing district; creating a special fund for the special taxing district; providing for the levy of a special tax on all taxable real and personal property located in the special taxing district; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the special taxing district, the establishment and use of the special fund, authorizing the pledge of special tax revenues to the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City in connection with the special taxing district, the replenishment of any reserve fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the special taxing district.

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) has no objections to this bill and respectfully requests it be granted a favorable vote. DOT is managing the Central Avenue Bridge Construction and Streetscape Project. This project consists of two phases. The Central Avenue Phase I project involves utility work, reconstruction and streetscaping from Eastern Avenue to Madison Street. The City awarded the Central Avenue Phase I contract for \$32 million. Construction began in the summer of 2012 and Phase I work is about halfway complete. This work is and has been necessary regardless of whether new development comes to the vicinity. The Central Avenue Phase II project from the harbor to Baltimore Street includes both streetscaping and bridge elements. Central Avenue between Lancaster and Baltimore streets will be reconstructed into an urban boulevard. This work is necessary regardless of whether new development comes to the vicinity. Central Avenue will also be extended at the south end with a new 260-foot bridge to the proposed Harbor Point development site. The bridge would mitigate traffic to Harbor Point regardless of the development proposed on the site.

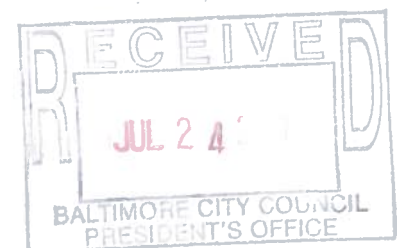
DOT respectfully requests this bill be granted a favorable vote.

Respectfully,

  
 William M. Johnson  
 Acting Director

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Cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson  
 Mr. Khalil Zaied  
 Mr. Billy Hwang  
 Mr. Frank Murphy



*Respectfully Favorable*