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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 13-0262		

TO

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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 Bill 13-0262 introduced by Council Member Clarke, President Young, Council Members Henry, Stokes, Kraft, Scott, Middleton, Cole, Holton, Curran, Welch, and Branch.

The purpose of the Bill is to allow Special Traffic Enforcement Officers authority Citywide; expand the agencies that can appoint Special Traffic Enforcement Officers; and generally relating to Special Traffic Enforcement Officers.

The Code of Public Local Laws gives authority to the Mayor and City Council, by ordinance, to nominate Special Traffic Enforcement Officers and set the duties, functions and procedures governing the officers (§ 16-16C). Subtitle 72 of Article 19 of the Revised Baltimore City Code establishes these officers and duties and limits their authority to the Downtown Management District established under Article 14 Subtitle 1 of the Code.

City Council Bill 13-0262, if approved, would remove the current limitations on the authority of the Special Traffic Enforcement Officers and allow them to perform their duties and functions Citywide. In addition, the legislation adds the Directors of Transportation and General Services to the list of officials who may certify names of employees to the Police Commissioner for appointment as Special Traffic Enforcement Officers.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 13-0262 but would recommend removing the Director of Public Works from the list of officials who may certify names of employees to the Police Commissioner [§ 72-1(a)(1)]. Inclusion of the Director of Public Works was appropriate when transportation duties were part of the agency's responsibilities. Resolution 04-056 (ratified November 2, 2004) transferred these duties to the Department of Transportation.

Respectfully,


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