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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0620</b>		

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**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
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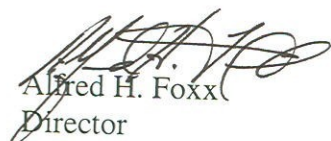
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0620 introduced by Council Members Clarke, Kraft, D'Adamo, Welch, Conaway, Middleton, Henry, Reisinger, President Young, and Council Member Branch.

The purpose of the Bill is to clarify the legal responsibilities of the Departments of Public Works and Transportation for the review of plot plans for parking lots.

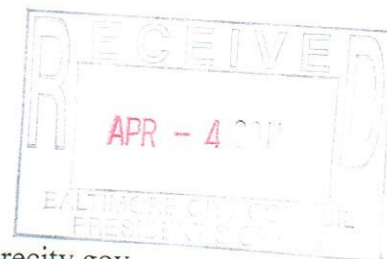
Title 10 of the Zoning Article of the Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000) provides the general requirements for off-street parking regulations. Under § 10-301, if a proposed new or expanded use provides for five or more new off-street parking spaces, the Zoning Administrator must forward the plot plan for that use to the Department of Planning and the Department of Public Works. These Departments have 10 days within which they must return the plot plan to the Zoning Administrator with written approvals or recommended modifications. City Council Bill 10-0620, if approved, would remove the Department of Public Works as one of the reviewing agencies and replace it with the Department of Transportation.

Ordinance 03-501 transferred certain powers and duties from the Department of Public Works to the Office of Transportation, established by a 2001 Mayor's Executive Order issued by then Mayor O'Malley. Resolution 04-56 was a referendum endorsed by the qualified voters in 2004 that reestablished the Department of Transportation. With these changes in powers and duties, certain references within the Baltimore City Code may still attribute responsibilities to the Department of Public Works that now belong to the Department of Transportation. This legislation would correctly apply the plot plan review to the Department of Transportation.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0620.

  
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