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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0653</b>		

DATE: March 31, 2011

**TO**

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 11-0653 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Broadway East to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to correct and clarify certain language; to waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

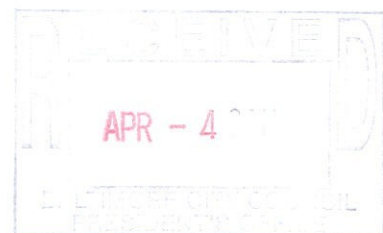
The Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East was originally approved by Ordinance 88-156 and was last amended by Ordinance 02-457. This urban renewal area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, the Collington Square Park, and an industrial area near the railroad line. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project.

The Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 12-105.1, requires that existing State or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 be reauthorized. Therefore, City Council Bill 11-0653, if approved, would extend the acquisition and condemnation authority existing under this Urban Renewal ordinance through and including December 31, 2014. The bill clarifies that the City may acquire all rights, title and interest or any private rights of use of streets or alleys that abut or are adjacent to the acquisition properties and which are shown lying within the perimeter of the disposition map.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0653.

  
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