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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 14-0413: IgCC		

**TO**

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

July 31, 2014

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0413, International Green Construction Code (IgCC), which adopts the IgCC (2012 Edition) as part of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article of Baltimore City, subject to certain additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications; provides for certain exceptions and alternatives (such as LEED Silver Certification); conforms, corrects, and clarifies related language; provides for the effect, construction, and effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relates to the Building, Fire, and Related Codes for Baltimore City.

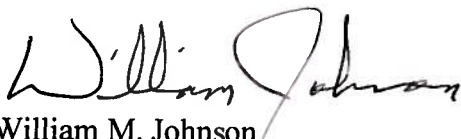
The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this adoption of the IgCC.

The two sections of the IgCC that impact areas within DOT's jurisdiction include Sections 407, "Transportation Impact" and Section 408, "Heat Island Mitigation." Section 407 requires certain facilities to support bicycle ridership. DOT supports adding these requirements to the City code, because requiring private development to facilitate bicycle ridership and storage incentivizes commuting by bicycle, reduces car use, and consequently reduces congestion on City streets.

Under Section 408, at least 25% of any site hardscape must use certain materials to mitigate the heat island effect. Since approved materials include concrete paving without color or stain, City sidewalks and other ordinary concrete facilities are included on the list of materials that mitigate the heat island effect. Therefore, DOT has no objections to the inclusion of these provisions.

DOT looks forward to participating in the work sessions for this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



William M. Johnson  
Director

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