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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0658/TRAFFIC MITIGATION - ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC-MITIGATION ZONES		

TO

DATE:

July 6, 2011

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

This is an addendum to our previous report on City Council Bill #11-0658, for the purpose of modifying the requirements for certain development projects to mitigate their impacts on City traffic; requiring the Department of Transportation to review certain development projects; defining certain terms; designating certain areas to be Traffic-Mitigation Zones; providing for payments in lieu of Traffic-Mitigation studies; establishing how these payments are to be calculated; creating certain exceptions; authorizing certain traffic-mitigation projects; and generally relating to the requirements and procedures for building and zoning code permits and authorizations.

The Department of Planning is aware of the most recent amendments proposed by the Department of Transportation. These amendments reflect earlier recommendations from the Department of Planning and the Planning Commission. In its hearing of April 21, 2011, the Planning Commission had one reservation which concerned a percentage cap on increases in the mitigation fee schedule. In the latest set of amendments, the percentage cap is omitted, which resolves the Planning Commission's concern.

Thus, the Department of Planning has reviewed the latest amendments from the Department of Transportation, and recommends that they be accepted and the bill amended and passed.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design, at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Peter O'Malley, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Bill Henry, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
- Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
- Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
- Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services
- Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services