


<b>T R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Director	<b>CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0395		

DATE: 3/27/2024

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott  
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **Support**  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0395

**INTRODUCTION** - Air Rights - Closing - A Portion of Newkirk Street

**PURPOSE/PLANS** - For the purpose of condemning and closing the air rights area, extending over a portion of the public right of way of Newkirk Street, as shown on a plat numbered 337-A-29A, dated February 25, 2022, and filed in the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 23-0395 was introduced on behalf of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation’s Right of Way Division. This legislation is in concert with the recent expansion of GAF Corporation’s manufacturing plant in Southeast Baltimore. The closing of air rights would formally authorize GAF Corporation’s enclosed bridge over a portion of Newkirk Street that connects their existing facilities with the new extension of their manufacturing campus.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION** – Baltimore City Department of Transportation foresees no direct operational or fiscal impact resulting from adoption of the legislation and **supports** the advancement of Council Bill 23-0395.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at [Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-545-3207

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson,  
Director