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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0522 introduced by Council Members Clarke, Middleton, Branch, D'Adamo, Curran, Henry, Welch, Spector, Reisinger, and Kraft.

The purpose of the Bill is to require certain new or expanded structures, premises, and uses to provide bicycle parking that meets certain standards; define and redefine certain terms; impose certain penalties; allow for the issuance of variances from bicycle parking requirements; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to required parking spaces for bicycles.

City Council Bill 10-0522 would add to the Zoning Code, under Title 10 {Off-Street Parking Regulations} certain provisions for providing parking spaces for bicycles when a proposed new or expanded use calls for 5 or more new vehicle parking spaces. A plot plan must be evaluated by the Department of Planning and the Department of Public Works to ensure adequacy of bicycle ingress and egress, meet certain minimum bicycle parking space and rack or locker requirements for outdoor or enclosed spaces, and provide a safe and secure location accessible to all property users, clearly labeled for bicycle parking. This Department recommends updating the plot plan review section by replacing "Department of Public Works" with "Department of Transportation" on page 4, line 12 of the legislation.

The required number of bicycle parking spaces would be one space for every 10 required vehicle parking spaces. The number of required vehicle parking spaces would be reduced by one for each required bicycle parking space provided. A variance provision would allow for a reduction in the number of bicycle parking spaces required by zoning, should practical problems or other site difficulties warrant such consideration.

The Department of Public Works supports the inclusion of bicycle parking spaces in parking lots and facilities and therefore supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0522 as proposed to be amended. However, the Department defers to the Department of Transportation on the

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adequacy of the specifications for and dimensions of the bicycle parking spaces provided in the legislation.



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