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|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of Transportation<br>417 E. Fayette Street, Room 527 |  |   |
|             | SUBJECT               | City Council Bill 09-0277                                       |  |   |

DATE: March 11, 2009

**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 09-0277.

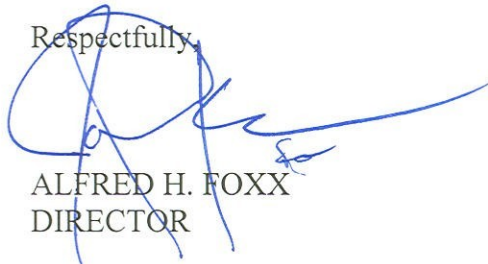
**Supplementary Special Fund Operating Appropriation - Department of Transportation - \$3,021,730**

**For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Fund Operating Appropriation of \$3,021,730 to the Department of Transportation – Program 234(Transit and Marine Services) to provide funding for the operation of a Downtown Circulator system; and providing for a special effective date.**

The proposed bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to use Special Fund revenue from the parking tax (approved by the City Council in September of 2008) to purchase hybrid buses for use in a downtown circulator system. On February 11, 2009 the Board of Estimates approved a five year contract with Veolia Transit Company to manufacture the vehicles. The first bus is scheduled to be delivered on, or about, May 2, 2009. The final buses will be delivered in August of 2009.

The Department of Transportation strongly supports the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,



ALFRED H. FOXX  
DIRECTOR

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cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson  
Mr. Bill Driscoll  
Mr. Jamie Kendrick  
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