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Executive Director, HABC
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o
Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Paul T. Graziano
Housing Commissioner

DATE: June 30, 2011

SUBJECT: **City Council Bill 11-0658 – Traffic Mitigation – Establishing Traffic
Mitigation Zones**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0658 introduced for the purpose of streamlining the current process for conducting traffic impact studies and negotiating traffic mitigation agreements.

The current Traffic Impact Study (TIS) process requires developers of large-scale projects to pay for a third-party TIS and to negotiate an agreement on paying for traffic improvements, if necessary. Council Bill 11-0658 creates a new section in Chapter 38 of the Building Code that creates Traffic Mitigation zones and requires that fees be paid on a per-trip basis rather than by negotiated agreement. This bill amends existing provisions in the Zoning Code concerning traffic mitigation to reference these Traffic-Mitigation zones, and generally establishes procedures for administering the Traffic-Mitigation program.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has worked closely with the Department of Transportation on several elements of this bill including the definition and exemption of affordable housing projects and the permitting process.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0658.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

