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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0658		

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 City Hall

June 2, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0658, Traffic Mitigation - Establishing Traffic-Mitigation Zones. The Department of Transportation (DOT) requested this bill's introduction to make the current traffic-mitigation process more transparent and predictable. The current process requires developers of large-scale projects to mitigate adverse traffic impacts by commissioning a third-party Traffic Impact Study (TIS) and paying fees to contribute to mitigating those impacts. This bill creates a new section in Chapter 38 of the Building Code that creates Traffic-Mitigation zones. 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.

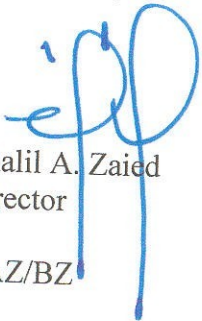
DOT stands by the report that the Council received on May 20, 2011. However, DOT would like to request an additional amendment to revise the effective date from 90 days from enactment to 30 days from enactment. This will enable the department to begin effectuating the bill's new efficiencies with the traffic mitigation system sooner rather than later.

DOT requests the following amendment:

- On page 26, line 14, delete "90th" and in its place, insert "30th"

Subject to this and its earlier requested amendments, DOT respectfully requests that the City Council grant this bill a favorable report.

Respectfully,



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Director

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