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	Subject	City Council Bill #15-0485 Urban Renewal – Sharp Leadenhall – Amendment		

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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
City Hall, Room 400

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is pleased to report on City Council Bill #15-0485 / Urban Renewal – Sharp Leadenhall – Amendment, which proposes to make the following changes to the Sharp Leadenhall Urban Renewal Plan:

- Removes prohibitions on certain uses within the Community Business land use and clarifies certain references to Zoning Code.
- Removes acquisition and disposition authority
- Updates the community review procedures in the Plan to reference the online Community Association Directory maintained by the Department of Planning
- Augments and clarifies existing design guidelines, exempts properties for historical and architectural preservation, adds a waiver procedure, and clarifies that certain design standards apply to Residential Land Use only
- Adds more stringent standards for new construction within the Community Business Land Use

The bill also updates the exhibits to the Plan, including in the areas of land use, recommended zoning, acquisition and disposition, the historic district, and the illustrative plan.

The change reflects a coordinated planning process that began in December of 2014 and lasted for over a year. As a result, it is our Department’s understanding that the changes included in City Council Bill #15-0485 / Urban Renewal – Sharp Leadenhall – Amendment are supported by the community as it reflects the future direction the neighborhood wants to move toward.

Given that fact, and that the changes do not pose any substantial transportation-related issues, DOT urges favorable report of City Council Bill #15-0485.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Wines for
William M. Johnson
Director

