

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen/Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: November 12, 2009

Re: City Council Bill 09-0381 - Sale of Property - Quarantine Road

Interchange/Truck Check Weigh Station

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0381, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the Quarantine Road Interchange/Truck Check Weigh Station and no longer needed for public use.

This property, also known as "Ramp M" off of I-695, is being sold to the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) which has had control of the site for approximately the past 20 years. It was believed by the City that the property had already been sold to the State during the development of I-695 two decades ago; however, a recent review of title reports revealed that the transfer had not actually taken place despite MdTA's ongoing maintenance. Consequently, City Council Bill 09-0381 will remedy this oversight by authorizing the sale.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0381.

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

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