

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner *AK*

Date: November 2, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 19-0325 City Streets - Closing - Air Rights Area Over a Portion of the Public Right of Way of the 4100 Block of Hillen Road

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0325 for the purpose of condemning and closing the air rights area over a portion of the public right of way of the 4100 Block of Hillen Road, as shown on Plat 347-A-76A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council Bill 19-0325 would allow for the condemning and closing of certain air rights on the 4100 Block of Hillen Road. Companion Bill 19-0326, enacted last year, provided for the sale of the air rights over this area of the public right of way.

The Department of Planning reviewed the legislation and is recommending approval. A pedestrian bridge over Hillen Road will benefit Morgan State University students and the general public by providing safe passage over a busy thoroughfare.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 19-0325.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*