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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0674		

TO

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

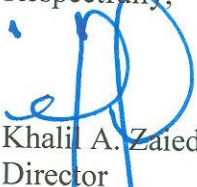
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0674.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Key Highway to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Area, to remove certain definitions of general uses in the Plan, to remove Development Areas B and C from the Plan, and to amend certain Exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with several other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

DOT has no objections to City Council Bill 11-0674. As we have stated in our City Council Bill 11-0675 agency report, DOT supports the Department of Planning's efforts to repurpose the Key Highway South community. However, it bears repeating that Key Highway is and will continue to serve as a major truck route for freight movement through the City of Baltimore. Few gateways exist for truck traffic to enter the City and satisfy citizens' needs for goods without damaging Baltimore's transportation infrastructure or unnecessarily impacting residents' quality of life. Key Highway provides much-needed access for freight traffic between the city, port facilities and I-95. As this area's residential community continues to grow and thrive, its current and future residents should understand that they must accept truck traffic along Key Highway as a condition of urban living, however noisy, dirty and voluminous, for as long as Baltimoreans continue to need and want food, clothing, iPhones, medications, vehicles, and everything else that arrives by truck.

Respectfully,

  
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Director

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*No obj. / comments*