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CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO**

DATE: September 16, 2009

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill No. 09-0126R.

**The Equal Rights for Bikes Task Force**

**For the purpose of creating the Equal Rights for Bikes Task Force to work within the Bicycle Master Plan to promote a safety program for 4-wheel and 2-wheel vehicles by clarifying rules of the road for all vehicular traffic, creating a system for monitoring bicycle-involved accidents, recommending bicycle safety initiatives for the city, and encouraging dissemination of information on bicycle safety throughout the city of Baltimore**

The Department of Transportation has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0126R. The Department of Transportation is the main city agency responsible for implementing the Bicycle Master Plan (2006). Many recommendations of the Equal Rights for Bikes Resolution are currently being practiced by the Department of Transportation's Planning and Safety Divisions in conjunction with the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Department of Planning.

The Department of Transportation will continue the work recommended in the body of the Equal Rights for Bikes legislation. The goals of the proposed task force are squarely in line with the Mayor's Cleaner, Greener, Safer and Healthier Baltimore. Among other things, the Department of Transportation strongly supports the resolution's assertion that the Baltimore City Health Department and Baltimore City Police Department must become active participants in formulating Baltimore City Bicycle Policy.

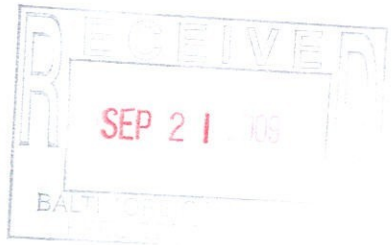
We thank the sponsor and co-sponsors for their support of bicycling in Baltimore but feel that the creation of the task force, as described, would be duplicative.

Respectfully,

  
ALFRED H. FOXX  
DIRECTOR

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- cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson
- Mr. Bill Driscoll
- Mr. Jamie Kendrick
- Mr. Frank Murphy



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