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TO
The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill 09-0431 is for the purpose of requiring that all City street paving and repaving contracts require that drainage grates be installed in a bike-safe alignment; requiring anyone undertaking a street paving project to install drainage grates in a bike-safe alignment; and generally relating to bike-safe grates on City streets.

The Bill indicates that no contracts may be made by the City for paving or repaving any street, avenue, lane, or alley within the City limits unless the contract requires that all drainage grates in the affected area be placed so that the gaps between the bars on the grates are perpendicular to the direction of traffic.

The Bill also indicates that no paving project may be permitted on any street, avenue, lane, or alley within the City unless the person undertaking the project ensures that all drainage grates in the affected area are placed so that the gaps between the bars on the grates are perpendicular to the direction of traffic.

Using bike-safe grates has been the policy in the Department of Transportation for over two years. On its resurfacing projects, the department has already initiated the bike-safe grates. The cost of replacing a traditional street grate with a bicycle-safe grate is \$1,200 per inlet. Insofar as this bill requires all new contracts for new road construction to provide for bicycle-safe drainage grates, the Department of Finance supports this bill.

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