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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #21-0048/ Construction Projects - Project Labor Agreements		

DATE:

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TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #21-0048, which is for the purpose of requiring project labor agreements for major City construction projects.

The Department of Planning recommends removing the language in Section 25A-2 Paragraph 2, which currently states that the requirement would apply to “any long-term capital improvement plan that involves construction projects at multiple locations, provided that the aggregate construction costs of all the projects are valued at \$15 million or more.” Funds for capital projects in the City are budgeted in the capital budget, which is part of the annual six-year Capital Improvement Program. The City does not award funds as part of the Capital Improvement Program and could not enter in a project labor agreement for it. The Department of Planning recommends removing this section of the proposed legislation.

This bill will have a major impact on large capital projects in both cost and equity. In addition to the above amendment, Department of Planning defers to the Commission for Equity and Civil Rights and the Departments of Public Works, General Services, Transportation, and Recreation and Parks.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Ahearn, Capital Improvement Program Planner at 410-396-8357.

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