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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 09-0431		

TO

DATE: April 28, 2010

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. 09-0431

City Council Bill 09-0431 City streets – Bike-Safe Grates

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.

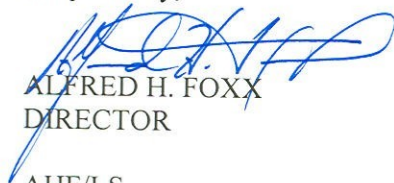
The Department of Transportation (DOT) has reviewed Bill No. 09-0431 City Streets – Bike-Safe Grates that would require all City street paving contracts to provide for the installation of bike-safe grates in the affected area. In addition, the installation of bike-safe grates would be required as part of any paving project. Bike-safe grates have bars that are positioned to prevent bicycle tires from becoming lodged in the grate. In general, DOT supports legislation mandating bicycle-safe grates for all street projects. The use of bike-safe grates has been DOT policy for all paving and repaving projects for over two years.

DOT suggests that section 18-11 (A) City Contracts be amended as follows: “No contracts may be made by the City WHICH INCLUDE [for] paving or repaving any street, avenue, lane, or alley within the City limits...” This section should also be amended to allow grate designs provided for in Maryland Code Transportation Section 8-648.

Furthermore, DOT suggests that section 18-11 (B) General Paving be amended to exclude emergency resurfacing due to utility failure.

DOT supports the passage of this bill including the amendments described above.

Respectfully,


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