



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: February 7, 2023

Re: City Council Bill 22-0264 Landmark List: Exteriors - Canton Railroad Transfer Bridge

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0264 for the purpose of designating the Canton Railroad Transfer Bridge, an improvement only parcel located at Ward 01, Section 10, Block 1902-F, Lot 001, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0264 would designate the exterior of the Canton Railroad Transfer Bridge located in the Canton neighborhood as a historical landmark. The bridge is located in the Canton Community and designation is being sought by the Canton Community Association.

Located in the water just south of Canton Waterfront Park the Canton Railroad Transfer Bridge is a significant surviving industrial maritime structure in Baltimore. The Bridge is located in an area that has seen significant adaptive-reuse of former industrial buildings for residential purposes and is still undergoing development. The Transfer Bridge is a historic landmark that is important to the Canton neighborhood.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) heard this Bill on October 11, 2022 and unanimously recommended approval of Landmark designation. Preserving historically significant landmarks will support the wellbeing and overall health of the neighborhood.

DHCD recommends a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 22-0264.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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