

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III Police Commissioner

April 12, 2010

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill No. 10-0436-BMore Streets for People Program-

Establishment

City Council Bill No. 09-0177R-BMore Streets for People

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0436-BMore Streets for People Program-Establishment and City Council Bill No. 09-0177R-BMore Streets for People.

City Council Bill 10-0436 would establish and provide for the administration of a BMore Streets for People program. It also creates an advisory board with broad representation including the BPD to make recommendations for this program. The companion legislation, City Council Bill 09-0177R, supports the implementation of BMore Streets for People and recommends overall agency coordination. The BPD appreciates the opportunity to participate on the advisory board as proposed so that our suggestions that concern overall public safety and deployment of personnel can be addressed. Overall agency coordination is critical to the success of this initiative. The BPD defers to the Department of Law and the Department of Transportation for any legal or operational concerns and stands willing to work with and assist in the City's collective efforts in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison cc:

