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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 09-0429 introduced by Council Members Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Kraft, Young, Holton, Spector, Welch, Reisinger, Cole, D'Adamo, Conaway and Curran.

The purpose of the Bill is to require certain new or expanded structures, premises, and uses to provide bicycle parking that meets certain standards; define and redefine certain terms; impose certain penalties; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to required parking spaces for bicycles.

City Council Bill 09-0429 would add to the Zoning Code, under Title 10 {Off-Street Parking Regulations} certain provisions for providing parking spaces for bicycles when a proposed new or expanded use calls for 5 or more new vehicle parking spaces. The Plot Plan must be evaluated for adequacy of bicycle ingress and egress, meet certain minimum bicycle parking space and rack or locker requirements for outdoor or enclosed spaces, and must provide a safe and secure location accessible to all property users, clearly labeled for bicycle parking. The required number of bicycle parking spaces would be one space for every 10 required vehicle parking spaces. The number of required vehicle parking spaces would be reduced by one for each required bicycle parking space provided, and for each additional bicycle parking space provided and certified by the Director of Transportation for substitution. Finally, under Article 11 {Labor and Employment} of the Baltimore City Code, the legislation would require any employer who employs 10 or more full-or part-time employees in Baltimore City to provide at least one bicycle parking space for every 10,000 square feet of floor area, in addition to the number of bicycle parking spaces to be required under the Zoning Code. The minimum requirements for the size, equipping and location of the spaces would be the same as that required in the Zoning Code. Employers found to be in violation of the requirements could be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$500.

The Department of Public Works supports the inclusion of bicycle parking spaces in parking lots and facilities, but defers to the Department of Transportation on the specific requirements of City Council Bill 09-0429 for providing those spaces.

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