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CITY of BALTIMORE



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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 14-0373 introduced by Councilman Henry.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Ordinance 74-650 established the Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area and was last amended by Ordinance 11-457. York-Woodbourne Business Area is primarily commercial with some residential. The Urban Renewal Plan was established with the goal of revitalizing the area by providing a community shopping district. Ordinance 11-457 extended the acquisition and condemnation authority through and including December 31, 2014.

City Council Bill 14-0373, if approved, would reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with §12–105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0373.

Sincerely,

Rudolph S. Chow, F

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