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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0428

CITY of BALTIMORE

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TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 City Hall

October 7, 2014

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0428, which is for the purpose of changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as 2051 South Hanover Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the B-3-2 Zoning District to the M-3 Zoning District.

The subject property, 2051 South Hanover Street, is a 1.56-acre lot located at the northeast corner of Hanover and McComas Streets, partially underneath the elevated I-95 expressway. The expressway serves as the boundary between the residential South Baltimore neighborhood to the north and the industrially-zoned Port Covington peninsula to the south. The subject property presently has split B-3-2/M-3 zoning which dates to the City's last comprehensive rezoning effort in 1971, prior to the construction of the elevated I-95 expressway.

This City Council Bill was introduced by the Administration on behalf of the Department of Transportation to facilitate the relocation of L & J Recycling. L & J Recycling presently leases space in the Calverton Yard, which is needed for the construction of the Red Line. The M-3 zoning classification allows recycling as a conditional use, so if this City Council Bill is successful the applicant would request approval of the use from the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals.

DOT supports the passage of this bill and requests one minor amendment to make the bill effective upon its enactment date. This amendment would assure that the applicant can begin the process for requesting conditional use approval upon the bill's enactment. Specifically, the amendment would read,

On page 1, line 5, after "M-3 Zoning District," add language so that it reads,

To the M-3 Zoning District, and providing for a special effective date.

On page 1, lines 24-25, amend the language so that it reads,

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

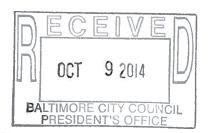
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

William M. Johnson Director

Frank Murphy

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