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## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

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The Honorable Chairman Edward Reisinger and  
Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee  
100 Holliday Street, Room 409  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Chairman Reisinger and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to provide fiscal analysis in advance of the April 25, 2018 public hearing on Council Bill 17-0102 *Complete Streets*. Kara Kunst, Director of Legislative Affairs for the City Council President, asked that I research the policy known as "Complete Streets," and provide analysis on the topic.

I have conducted this analysis as requested. In this effort, I have reached out to and spoke with planning and transportation officials in cities across the country including Boston, MA, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, Washington, D.C. and individuals working here in Baltimore, MD. I also consulted public material and spoke with industry experts in academia, the private sector, and non-profit organization.

After five weeks of research, I am submitting the attached Fiscal Report on Bill 17-0102, and issue a score of **Amendments Recommended (Positive)**. This score indicates that the bill is viewed positively; however, changes are recommended.

Bill 17-0102 advances priorities delineated in numerous Baltimore policy documents. It strengthens past legislation through the addition of complete streets stipulations to city code. Furthermore, the bill requires adoption of a comprehensive complete streets design guide and accountability procedures.

Despite these merits, amendments are recommended to align the current bill to city financial goals which include identifying funding sources for all short- and long-term expenditures. Additionally, I recommend removing language that stipulates lane widths, providing an additional description of an equity gap analysis, and replacing the Complete Streets coordinating council with a different accountability mechanism. For additional information, please see the attached Fiscal Report.

Sincerely,

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