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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0216	MEMO	

TO: Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: May 4, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 18-0216 - City Property – Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to 3 Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

**INTRODUCTION** – For the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – Ambrose Kennedy Park is a 1.75 acre park in the Johnson Square community. It contains two basketball courts, and a small community pool. In 2016, the park was chosen to undergo rehabilitation as part of a grant program. The vision includes walking paths, a landscaped amphitheater, an open grass playing field, bathrooms with changing areas, a swimming pool, all the while being ADA accessible. The attempt to honor Henrietta Lacks’ contribution to medical research by renaming the park, which is currently undergoing said rehabilitation efforts, is supported by the Department of Transportation.

As this park is already established in the community, the Department of Transportation will be minimally impacted by its renaming.



**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** –

The Department of Transportation supports City Council Bill 18-0216, and respectfully requests a favorable report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katelyn McCauley at [Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov), (443) 677-9391.

Sincerely,

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