

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2019
TO: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 19-0325 – City Streets - Closing - Air Rights Area Over a Portion of the Public Right of Way of the 4100 Block of Hillen Road

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0325 introduced by The Council President at the request of The Administration (Department of Transportation) for the purpose of condemning and closing the air rights area over a portion of the public right of way of the 4100 Block of Hillen Road.

PURPOSE

The closing of air rights allowing for a bridge way for the safe passage of students across Hillen Road to the Morgan State University Campus.

BRIEF HISTORY

Morgan State University, funded through the State of Maryland Capital Improvement Program, has spent approximately \$165 million in creating its West Campus. The School of Business development project (opened 2015) included constructing an \$8 million “Legacy” pedestrian bridge that connects the West Campus to the Main Campus across Hillen Road. BDC supports this project to facilitate this vital connection.

FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

AGENCY POSITION

BDC is in **support** of City Council Bill 19-0325.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at 410-837-9305 or at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc: Jeffrey Amoros

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