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	SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0187R	M E M O	

DATE: 11/3/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott
TO: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0187R

INTRODUCTION - Informational Hearing – Theft of Cars

PURPOSE/PLANS - For the purpose of inviting the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration, and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services to engage in a discussion with the City Council regarding the recent rise in auto thefts throughout Baltimore City, including a discussion of options to prevent or mitigate such occurrences.

COMMENTS – The Department of Transportation welcomes the opportunity to participate in this important conversation focused on car thefts. DOT is responsible for towing and storage of stolen cars reported by the Baltimore City Police Department that have been abandoned in the public right-of-way. DOT began waiving towing fees for stolen vehicles in January of 2022, saving stolen vehicle victims up to \$140.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION – The Department will send a representative that can participate in this public forum on this resolution. For those reasons, the Department has no objections to the advancement of Council Resolution 23-0187R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson,
Director