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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 21-0056R	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Education and Youth Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support**
RE: Council Resolution – 21-0056R

DATE: 12/10/21

INTRODUCTION – From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Baltimore City Public Schools, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success and Office of Equity and Civil Rights to discuss our children's commute to school.

COMMENTS – Ensuring safe and reliable commutes for school students is of utmost importance to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT is a critical partner among a larger group of agency stakeholders focused on the safe travel of Baltimore's City's children to and from school. DOT has a number specific agency tasks and services that demonstrate the agency's commitment to safe school commutes. Key examples include:

- **Complete Streets**
 - The City's Complete Streets Ordinance was adopted in December of 2018.
 - DOT's official Complete Streets Manual was published in March 2021.
 - The manual establishes walking as the highest priority of the City's modal hierarchy.
- **ATVES Automated Enforcement**
 - To date, all speed cameras within Baltimore City are located within one half mile of a school.
 - ATVES Division also oversees the operations of numerous red light and truck traffic cameras.
- **Transit Bureau**
 - DOT's Transit Bureau oversees operations of the Charm City Circulator and Harbor Connector.
 - Bicycle improvements and dockless scooter service provides additional commute options.
- **Safe Routes to Schools**
 - The State's Safe Route to Schools Program is overseen by State Highway Administration (SHA).
 - SHA decides which applicants receive state funds for Safe Routes to Schools.
 - Successful applications take roughly 3 years to complete bidding, planning and implementation.
- **DOT and MTA Partnership**
 - DOT and MTA have a recurring monthly meeting, ensuring open lines of communication.
 - East / West Transit Priority RAISE Grant was submitted jointly.
 - DOT advocated for the passage of the Transit Safety and Investment Act
- **DOT and Baltimore City Public Schools Partnership**
 - DOT Safety Division oversees roughly 230 seasonal school crossing guards.
 - INSPIRE capital projects compliment completed 21st Century Schools facilities.
 - Traffic Division regularly works with schools requesting implementation of traffic calming.
 - DOT and the School's Office of Sustainability developed an in-service training for Baltimore City School Police who monitor arrival and dismissal to better understand crashes, Complete Streets infrastructure, and how to report infrastructure issues to DOT.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –

The Department of Transportation **supports** Council Resolution 21-0056R. If you have any questions, please contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director