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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
DATE	September 9, 2024
SUBJECT	23-0204R Informational Hearing - Modular and Tiny Houses - Benefits and Challenges

Position: Support

Introduction

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Planning, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss: (1) the benefits of increasing modular and tiny housing in Baltimore City; (2) common challenges that arise when a homeowner is constructing a modular or tiny house; and (3) how City agencies can streamline processes to better facilitate construction of modular and tiny houses in Baltimore City.

DOT Analysis

Council Resolution 23-0204R calls for an informational hearing on the topic of modular and tiny homes. This kind of dwelling may be a potential alternative to less affordable forms of housing. The Department's role in this discussion will focus primarily on the use of right-of-way, permitting, and traffic impacts.

Conclusion

The Department supports Council Resolution 23-0204R and will be in attendance to answer questions and provide feedback as needed.