
CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
DANA P. MOORE, ACTING CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

September 30, 2020

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 20-0600 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer—
Department of Transportation (service 690: sustainable transportation) to the Police
Department (Service 622: Police Patrol) - \$2,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0600 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides for a transfer of a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Department of Transportation (service 690: sustainable transportation) to the Police Department (Service 622: Police Patrol) and provides for a special effective date.

The City Charter permits transferring an appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates from one entity to another so long as it is recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. City Charter, Art. VI, § 9(a)(2). Certain bill reports would be required if the transfer was for a capital expenditure, but there are no capital expenditures contemplated in this transfer.

In conformance with the Charter, the bill states that the Board of Estimates approved the transfer on September 16, 2020. Since this bill is the appropriate mechanism to effectuate the transfer, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Ashlea Brown
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Dana Moore, Acting City Solicitor
Matt Stegman, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

Caylin Young, President's Legislative Director
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Victor Tervalva, Chief Solicitor