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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0023		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: Council Resolution – 21-0023

DATE: 3/29/21

INTRODUCTION – Urban Renewal - Middle East - Amendment

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to modify certain land uses allowed in the Plan, to correct, clarify, and conform certain provisions and references in the Plan to those in the current Baltimore City Zoning Code, to replace Appendix B with new Appendix B, to delete Appendix E in its entirety, to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A, C, and D and to remove certain other properties located within the Renewal Area; to replace the exhibits with new exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, and to modify the boundaries of the Plan to reflect the removal of certain properties, as shown on the new exhibits; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 21-0023 looks to amend the existing Urban Renewal Plan for the Middle East community. Amendments to the Middle East Urban Renewal Plan are technical in nature. Several categories of permitted land uses have been removed and replaced with more specific descriptions, an example being the “Industrial” land use category being replaced with both a “General Industrial” category and an “Industrial Mixed Use” category. Newly added categories also include “Bioscience”, “Educational Campus”, and “Hospital”. “Non-Conforming Uses” has been replaced with “Nonconformities”, specifying which land uses are not permitted within the Middle East Urban Renewal Plan. Property rehabilitation guidelines have also been added to the Middle East Urban Renewal Plan.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact on the agency resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 21-0023. The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to Council Bill 21-0023.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director