


<b>F R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Interim Director	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (BCDOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 22-0130R	<b>M E M O</b>	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott  
TO: Public Safety & Government Operations Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **No Objection**  
RE: Council Resolution – 22-0130R

DATE: 4/7/23

**INTRODUCTION** – Informational Hearing - Routine Maintenance of City-Owned Lots and Buildings

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Planning, the Department of Transportation, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Real Estate, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, and other interested parties to discuss the current condition of City-owned lots and buildings, how maintenance of such properties can be improved, and the impact poorly-maintained City-owned lots and buildings have on Baltimore City as a whole.

**COMMENTS** – Council Resolution 22-0130R calls on Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) to join partner municipal agencies in participating in a public hearing before the City Council to discuss concerns related to the maintenance and condition of City-owned lots and buildings. BCDOT is the lead municipal agency responsible for maintaining thousands of miles of City-owned public right-of-way across Baltimore City. Beyond the maintenance of street pavement, footways, alleys, lane markings, traffic signals and traffic lights, BCDOT oversees significant vegetation management and mowing responsibilities. Operating out of the agency’s Maintenance Division, DOT’s Landscape Section has a mowing season that officially extends from April 15th through October 15th, varying on weather conditions.

Mowing and vegetation management duties are conducted directly by BCDOT Landscape Section as well as private contractors managed by BCDOT Landscape Section, both operating on a two-week rotation during mowing season. Vegetation management and mowing duties include general maintenance of right-of-way, medians, soft shoulders and out of warranty capital projects containing tree pits and specialty plantings. In total, BCDOT oversees the mowing & maintenance of precisely 437 green spaces across Baltimore City, totally 411.9 acres of greenspace.

Maintenance of BCDOT offices, operations facilities and maintenance yards falls under the jurisdiction of the City’s Department of General Services.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** – BCDOT welcomes the public discussion focused on the maintenance and condition of City-owned lots and buildings. As such, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation has **no objection** towards Council Resolution 22-0130R. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at [Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

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