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| FROM | NAME & TITLE | Steve Sharkey, Director | CITY of BALTIMORE | MEMO |  |
| | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527 | | | |
| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 18-0285 | | | |

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Support with Amendment
RE: Council Bill – 18-0285

DATE: 1/27/20

INTRODUCTION – Police Ordinances - Repealing the Prohibition on Playing in the Street

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of repealing the legal prohibition on playing on any street, alley, lane, or other public thoroughfare; and conforming related provisions.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 18-0285 strives to remove the existing prohibition on playing in city streets, alleys and corridors. The current law is a misdemeanor and violators are subject to a fine no greater than \$5.

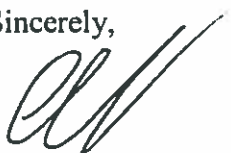
Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) recommends that Council Bill 18-0285 be amended to allow for the repeal of prohibition of playing in the street on roadways that are classified as being Local in the Highway Functional Classification System (FHWA). DOT's recommendation is based in promoting safety.

FHWA is a national standard for classifying roads. Under FHWA standards, there are four primary roadway classifications: Principal Arterial, Minor Arterial, Collector, and Local. Local roads are generally designed in a manner that discourage through traffic. The majority of roadways in Baltimore City are classified as being Local.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation's position for Council Bill 18-0285 is **support with amendment**.

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

Sincerely,



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