


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Baltimore City Council, 100 Holliday Street, 4 th Floor, Baltimore, MD, 4 TH Floor		
	SUBJECT	BOE Agenda Approval Needed for City Council Bill 22-0228 and 22-0223		

DATE:

TO

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES: Board of Estimates agenda approval needed for city council bill 22-0228 and 22-0223.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS: \$0.00 (at no cost to the City of Baltimore)

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION: N/A

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

MWBOO WAIVER FOR GRANT AGREEMENT: ___ YES X NO

REASON: ___ State Pass-Through Grant ___ Federal Pass-Through Grant




Clerk, Board of Estimates

By Celeste.Amato at 12:42:43 PM, 10/19/2022

BOE Approval Needed for City Council Bill 22-0223
 Contact for Questions: Matt Stegman
 BOE Document Sheet: Natawna B. Austin

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0223
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello

Introduced and read first time: April 25, 2022

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Planning, Board of Estimates, Department of Transportation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and
4 Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years;
5 generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District
6 and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

7 **Recitals**

8 City Code Article 14, Subtitle 1 (the “Enabling Statute”) authorizes the creation of the
9 Downtown Management District (the “District”) and the Downtown Management Authority
10 (the “Authority”), subject to certain terms, conditions, and limitations.

11 Art. 14, § 1-20, provides that, no sooner than 4 years and no later than 5 years from the
12 passage of the Enabling Statute, and periodically after that, the City Council must hold a
13 public hearing to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District.

14 Art. 14, § 1-20, further provides that, at the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council must
15 use the procedures described in Art. 14, § 1-19 to determine whether opposition to
16 continuation of the District exists in excess of certain levels.

17 By Resolution 96-005, Resolution 02-026, Resolution 07-022, Resolution 12-001, and
18 Resolution 17-002, the District and Authority have been renewed and continued for
19 successive 5-year terms, the most recent of these ending June 30, 2022.

20 For purposes of determining whether to again renew and continue the District and the
21 Authority, the City Council has held a hearing, as required by Article 14, § 1-20.

22 The City Council finds that, since its establishment, the Authority has initiated and carried
23 out numerous activities and undertakings in support of the objective of the Enabling Statute,
24 including the implementation of public safety, clean-up, maintenance, streetscape
25 improvements, beautification, and marketing activities and programs. These include:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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- 1 (1) Downtown Baltimore Guides, who patrol the streets every day to check on businesses,
2 assist the public, and provide safety escorts to downtown employees, residents, and
3 visitors;
- 4 (2) Clean Sweep Ambassadors, who remove graffiti, pick up several tons of trash each
5 week, and ensure a clean downtown environment;
- 6 (3) Park Stewards, who improve and oversee Downtown's major open spaces;
- 7 (4) Supervision of court-mandated community service workers;
- 8 (5) Workforce Development Programs, which provide dozens of trainings and jobs
9 through the Youthworks initiative and to the formerly homeless or incarcerated;
- 10 (6) Homeless and substance abuse outreach in conjunction with the Baltimore Police
11 Department and Baltimore Homeless Services, Inc.;
- 12 (7) Streetscape and beautification programs, park and green-space maintenance, and
13 flower planting and maintenance;
- 14 (8) Capital improvements, including streetscape and infrastructure improvements and
15 remediation of empty City-owned properties;
- 16 (9) Master planning and urban design initiatives, relying on comprehensive demographic
17 data;
- 18 (10) Comprehensive advertising and marketing campaigns promoting Downtown
19 Baltimore as the place to live, work, visit, and invest; and
- 20 (11) General constituent services work.

21 The programs and activities listed above all support the redevelopment of Downtown and
22 address challenges specific to the District.

23 Having evaluated the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District, the Mayor
24 and City Council believe that further renewal and continuation of the District and the
25 Authority is in the best interests of the City of Baltimore.

26 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That,
27 subject to the Renewal Process described in Section 2 of this Resolution, the District and the
28 Authority are renewed and continued for an additional 5 years, from July 1, 2022, through
29 June 30, 2027. However, the Authority may not impose any taxes or charges, other than those in
30 effect on the date of enactment of this Resolution, until the Renewal Process is completed and
31 certified by the Board of Estimates.

32 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Board of Estimates must use the
33 procedures described in Article 14, § 1-19, to determine whether opposition to continuation of
34 the District exists in excess of the Base Level Protests. If this excess opposition exists, the Board
35 of Estimates must then conduct a referendum, comparable to that described in § 1-19, to
36 determine whether the District should be renewed and continued for another 5 years.

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1 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
2 is enacted.

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
JAMES L. SHEA, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

April 18, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 22-0223 - Downtown Management District and Downtown
Management Authority

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-023 for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years.

By virtue of the power vested in the Mayor and City Council by Article II, Section 61 of the Charter of Baltimore City, The Downtown Management District was created by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. Article 14, Sections 1-19 and 1-20 of the Baltimore City Code govern the renewal of the District and its operations. The City Council has followed the procedures set forth in Section 1-20 for the renewal of the District and the Authority and by this resolution sets forth its findings and refers the matter to the Board of Estimates to perform its duties with regard to the renewal of the District and Authority as required by Section 1-19.

The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor
Ebony Thompson, Deputy Solicitor
Stephen Salisbury, Chief of Staff
Nicky Thompson, President's Office
Natasha Mehu, MOGR
Nina Themelis, MOGR

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: September 20, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0223 Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0223 for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0223 would allow for the continuation of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority for an additional 5 years. The last renewal occurred in 2017.

The extension will allow the Authority to continue to provide programs to enhance public safety, cleanliness, streetscape improvements, beautification and marketing activities in the district.

The Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority oversees a 106-block business improvement district in the heart of Baltimore. The district is not within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas or Community Development Zones.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 22-0223.

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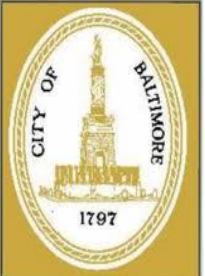
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cc: Ms. Themelis, Nina, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor • **Alice Kennedy**, Housing Commissioner

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Dr. Jason W. Mitchell, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE <i>MEMO</i>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0223		

September 20, 2022

TO:

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on Mayor and City Council Resolution 22-0223 introduced by Council Member Costello.

The purpose of the Resolution is to renew and continue the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

City Code Article 14, Subtitle 1 (the “Enabling Statute”) authorized the creation of the Downtown Management District (hereinafter known as the “District”) and the Downtown Management Authority (hereinafter known as the “Authority”). The Enabling Statute required that the City Council must periodically hold a public hearing to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District, and determine whether to continue their renewal. The following resolutions renewed and continued the District and the Authority for consecutive five-year terms: Resolution 95-005, ending June 30, 2002; Resolution 02-026, ending June 30, 2007; Resolution 07-022, ending June 30, 2012; Resolution 12-001, ending June 30, 2017; and Resolution 17-002, ending June 30, 2022.

Mayor and City Council Resolution 22-0223, if approved, would renew and continue the District and the Authority for another five-year term, ending June 30, 2027. The Department of Public Works congratulates the Authority on its accomplishments in the District. Its activities of the Downtown Guides, Clean Sweep Ambassadors, Park Stewards, workforce development programs, streetscape and beautification programs, comprehensive advertising and marketing campaigns, and capital improvements, all complement the work of our Department and our shared goals of keeping the downtown area a clean and attractive place for people to live, work and visit.

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The Department of Public Works supports passage of Mayor and City Council Resolution 22-0223.


Dr. Jason W. Mitchell
Director

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JWM:MMC



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2022
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 22-0223
 Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 22-0223 introduced by Councilmember Costello.

PURPOSE

This Resolution would renew and continue the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority for an additional five-year term.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Downtown Management Authority (DMA) was created with the goal of supporting the redevelopment of downtown and addressing problems facing the central business district. The Downtown Partnership of Baltimore (DPOB) has administered the Management District and Authority since its inception. Over this period, DPOB has served City residents, businesses, and visitors by providing a wide range of services meant to keep downtown clean, safe, and inviting. In addition, DPOB has undertaken major initiatives to improve the quality of public spaces throughout the Downtown Management Authority area, efforts which have played an important role in attracting businesses and residents to downtown Baltimore.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill No. 22-0233.



If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
 Sophia Gebrehiwot, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #22-0223/ DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY		

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: July 12, 2022

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #22-0223, which is for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Planning recommends **approval** of City Council Bill #22-0223, and defers to the Baltimore Development Corporation.


If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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FAVORABLE, DEFERS TO BDC

cc: Ms. Natasha Mehu, Mayor's Office
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office
Mr. Ethan Cohen, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Eric Costello, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. Matthew Stegman, City Council President's Office
Ms. Nikki Thompson, City Council President's Office
Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC
Ms. Kathleen Byrne, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services

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F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Steve Sharkey, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0223	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: Council Bill – 22-0223

DATE: 9/19/22

INTRODUCTION – Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 22-0223 seeks authorization to renew and extend operation of the existing Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority. Baltimore's Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, both operated by Downtown Partnership of Baltimore since their inception, must be authorized via City Council Ordinance every 5 years. This legislation would reauthorize the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority for an additional 5 years, though FY27.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – Baltimore City DOT foresees no operational or fiscal impact resulting from the legislation and has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 22-0223.

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

NO OBJECTION

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