
CITY OF BALTIMORE

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LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Honorable Ryan Dorsey
CHAIR

HEARING NOTES

LO25-0004

Baltimore City Transportation – Operations & Oversight

Hearing Date: 2/19/2026

Hearing Start Time: 9:03 AM

Hearing End Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Estimated Attendance: 30

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTENTION
Final Vote:	0	0	0	0

Committee Members in Attendance:

- **Chair** Ryan Dorsey
 - Mark Parker
 - John Bullock
 - Phylicia Porter
 - **Vice Chair** Sharon Green Middleton
 - Paris Gray
 - Zac Blanchard
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MAJOR SPEAKERS

(This is NOT an attendance record.)

- **Veronica McBeth – Director of DOT**
 - **Webster Mulbah – Data Analyst DOT**
 - **Patrick Flemming – COS – DOT**
 - **Sean Burnett – DOT Chief of Planning**
 - **Dartanion Swift-Williams – Director MOPI**
 - **Brandon Buckner – Deputy DOT Director**
 - **Asia Scott – Deputy Director DOT**
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NOTES

- The Chair opened the hearing, noting the topic and members in attendance.
- The Chair deferred to an opening statement from the Council President
- The floor was open to a presentation from DOT – slides in file
- The Chair presented slides on parking enforcement – slides in file
 - Chair reviewed prior oversight, SLAs, Goals and what parking enforcement should look like in the City Of Baltimore
- Floor was open to questions from the members topics included:
 - Tiger team dedicated to parking enforcement

- Single 311 SRC from summer 25 -but issues with TEOs processing with the technology that was available. *What are next steps for this? When is a formal needs statement for this work coming?
 - Hardware & software issues exist and could not be fixed under the prior technological solution as well as with training components
 - Goal is for June 2026 for deliverables from the tiger team to DOT
 - Goals include
 - Dynamic dispatch
 - Areas where parking enforcement has not been applied
 - Useable tech for adoption by TEOs
 - Policy – how can we help DOT prioritize and meet needs
 - Data to Committee by June 30 - July 5
- *What are DOT's goals for parking enforcement? What is the level of responsiveness that DOT sees and needs to provide for those goals
 - Agency is in the process of reviewing KPIs
 - Director commits to 60 days for follow-up
- When did DOT scale back enforcement due to the winter storm
 - Jan 24 ending about 2 weeks later, Feb 10th
- Frequency of bus lane enforcement during peak hours
 - The enforcement of the bus lane on Charles st is on the daily agenda for the TEOs
 - This enforcement can be impacted if the TEO's are called to other duties
 - Requesting that DOT continue to send enforcement data
- Does DOT have a goal that ties parking enforcement to complete streets?
 - Parking enforcement is not directly in the Complete Streets law
 - There are opportunities for targeted enforcement
- Pittsburgh trip – what has been our engagement with other peer cities, and what are we hoping to learn specifically from them
 - Pittsburgh is a willing peer who is close to being moved to April 9 or 10th
 - They use a lot of technology for parking enforcement, performance management, citations, traffic calming, and compliance
- *Backlogs – especially on abandoned vehicles – after 9 days response time is effectively 0% - what is the breakdown of responsiveness for the various parking complaints made to 311
- *Breakdown of citations – how many are proactive v in response to 311 – concerns about responsiveness slipping
- How do we respond to community concerns around parking, particularly around the blocking of community services like churches
 - Its difficult for DOT to know if its not reported to DOT or 311 – asking for residents to report to 311 but also if request are coming to Councilmembers that it comes to DOT so they can help.
- Chair presents slides on Street Lighting - slides in the file
 - Emphasis that DOT is the owner and driver of goals and services for this topic
 - The need for a single service request for street lighting
 - Proper inventory to fix street lights
 - Proper documentation of street light knockdowns

- Floor was open to questions. Topics included:
 - Status of BGE negotiations – where is DOT on this, and is DOT looking into other contractors or internally to maintain lighting?
 - Yes, if they are unable or unwilling to work with DOT, then the City will need to find an alternate means
 - The current negotiations have not made significant headway, but are not complete obeisance.
 - Does BGE subcontract out the entirety of its work?
 - Yes with several companies – particularly Riggs
 - What is the date for exploring other vendors
 - DOT not willing to commit to a particular date
 - Request to the Mayor to get a date
 - When will DOT provide data about the difference between data sources (cyclopa, & BGE) for street light knockdowns
 - Very early in the process to provide a data set – currently have a list of 4,600 mismatches, hoping to be able to use data to cut that number in half and have humans inspect the street lights
 - When will we have a strategy for the investigation of the lights
 - Midyear – summer 2026
 - Have we still not received our initial order of steel bases?
 - They are due in April (initially due in January)
 - Vendor did not have supplies and needed to manufacture
 - We have plans to order 500 over the next two years.
 - 250 a year over the next 4 years – it’s a 12-16 week lead time
 - Working with procurement to get more bases
 - Can we procure bases from a more responsive vendor even if they are more expensive?
 - DOT would defer to procurement
 - Have we submitted a report about the vendor for being unresponsive
 - Working with Procurement – but the company has become more responsive
 - Working on a curing letter with procurement
 - Do we have a contract for street lighting poles
 - No DOT working with procurement for a contract
 - DOT has to work with the lowest bid correct – even if it can’t meet the department's needs
 - That is correct
 - Streetlight SR – currently numerous options – looking to move to a single route
 - BCIT notes we need a system that ask residents the right questions to allow the system to route it properly
 - The ability to swap light poles for ones that, while not the designed standard, can work while we rebuild inventory
 - There is a limited capacity to do this, and it has to be investigated on a case-by-case basis
- Chair presented slides on community engagement – in deck
 - Need for matrix and SOPs on this that are compliant with Complete Streets
- Floor was open to questions from members – topics included:
 - When will the committee receive a matrix for community engagement?

- Draft SOPs in two weeks
 - DOT could not provide an exact timeline on the matrix
- Request for the orange cone list – when will that be available
 - No exact date for the complete list – DOT has asked for 2/20/26 for council input and will begin working on the final list
 - Tec projects are contractual and happen over a 2-year process – not an in-house process
 - DOT is working on reimagining this process and public engagement around it.
 - We should not compare large-scale projects (TEC) with smaller-scale in-house projects
- Request for updates status on the previous orange cone list
- TEOs who are attending community meetings instead of being out in the community working on enforcement
- Request for updates on goals for crossing guard staffing
- Hearing was recessed

FURTHER STUDY REQUESTED

COPY IN SPREADSHEET

Request	From	Agency
Response time to 311 SRs by SR parking complaint type. Time period: Over a one-month period before the snowstorm, and over one month once normal operations had resumed.	Parker	DOT
The number of citations issued in response to SRs; the number of citations issued as a result of TEO enforcement alone (not prompted by an SR). Time period: Over the 16-month or so period covered in the report from DOT this year	Parker	DOT
information related to efforts to recruit and hire new crossing guards and TEOs. Specifically, Director McBeth mentioned she would provide information about the applicant leads generated from yesterday's job fair. He would like to understand the budgeted slots for TEOs and crossing guards against the actual number of staff we have (after including the results of that hiring fair).	Parker	DOT
Continue sharing Charles St Bus Lane Enforcement (800-1400 block) data- including data on peak hour enforcement over the next month	Blanchard	DOT
On what date can DOT deliver an expression of its goals on Parking Enforcement?	Dorsey	DOT
When can the committee receive goals, timelines, and objectives from the tiger team	Cohen	MOPI/tiger team
Who is going to Pittsburgh and when	Dorsey	DOT
What does the mayor's office think is a sufficient time to resolve BGE contract issues, and by which date should the city seriously begin to consider other vendors	Dorsey	Mayor's Office
When will we have a finalized knockdown list ready for physical inspection	Gray	DOT/Tiger Team
When will the committee receive the community engagement matrix - updated SOPs for community engagement	Cohen	DOT
List of Tec Division projects for the year and plans associated	Dorsey	DOT

SEE FINAL VOTE RECORD IN BILL FILE

Hearing Packet in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance Sheet in bill file?-----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Vote Record in bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the bill file?-----	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners in bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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