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	SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0468		

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TO: Mayor Brandon Scott  
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **No Objection**  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0468

**INTRODUCTION** – Off-Street Parking - Affordable Housing

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of eliminating off-street parking requirements for a residential project that is subject to inclusionary housing requirements.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 23-0468 seeks to eliminate the requirement for off-street parking as a requirement for affordable housing residential projects. Reducing required off-street parking may lead to an increased use in alternative modes of transportation like walking, cycling, using transit, or carpooling. Off-street parking requirements tend to favor lower density developments that are not generally in alignment with urban, walkable environments.

Should the legislation be adopted, it may require further review of the Baltimore City DOT’s Traffic Mitigation fee structure to ensure impacts to the City Right of Way are adequately addressed. Without the requirement of some off-street parking, large developments could impact the right-of-way by increasing the number of cars parked in the roadway, drop-off deliveries, and other impediments to the previous traffic flow. Additionally, new housing developments are subject to state and federal regulations when providing accessible parking under the Americans with Disability Act and as stated in City Code Art. 32 16-208.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION** –Baltimore City Department of Transportation is open to discussing and reviewing how the legislation may impact the agency’s Traffic Mitigation fee structure and other DOT programs. The department currently has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 23-0468.

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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