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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0564		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: Council Bill – 20-0564

DATE: 11/9/20

INTRODUCTION – Urban Renewal - Middle East - Amendment

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to modify certain land uses allowed in the Plan, to correct, clarify, and conform certain provisions and references in the Plan to those in the current Baltimore City Zoning Code, to replace Appendix B with new Appendix B, to delete Appendix E in its entirety, to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A, C, and D and to remove certain other properties located within the Renewal Area; to replace the exhibits with new exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, and to modify the boundaries of the Plan to reflect the removal of certain properties, as shown on the new exhibits; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 20-0564 seeks to formally amend the existing Middle East Urban Renewal Plan. Amendments include a plethora of updates that allow the Middle East Urban Renewal Plan to conform to Transform Baltimore, Baltimore City’s updated zoning code. Newly permitted land use Zoning District categories include General Industrial, Educational Campus, Bioscience, Mixed-Use Industrial and Hospital. Additionally, the updated Middle East Urban Renewal Plan includes new provisions aimed at guiding exterior facade rehabilitation standards for both residential and commercial properties.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 20-0564. The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to Council Bill 20-0564.

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