



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

The Budget and Appropriations Committee (BA) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

The Honorable Danielle McCray

CHAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:30 AM

CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Bill: 25-0143

Title: General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service

122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to

Department of Transportation – PRJ002526

(Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

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BALTIMORE MD, 21202

Meeting: Bill Hearing

Committee: Budget & Appropriations

Bill # 25-0143

Title: General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Purpose: of amending the Capital budget to provide previously authorized and appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)); and providing for a special effective date.

REPORTING AGENCIES

Agency	Report
Law Department	Approved for form and legal sufficiency (contingent with Finance Dept. approval)
Department of Finance	Favorable
Department of Planning	Favorable
Department of Transportation	Favorable

BACKGROUND

This General Fund Appropriation Transfer is to approve the transfer of General Funds for Neighborhood Traffic Calming. During the FY 2026 budget process, the City Council re-directed one million dollars to neighborhood traffic calming. The funds were allocated in the Ordinance of Estimates to the PAYGO Supplemental Funding cost center. This action transfers them into the Neighborhood Traffic Calming project within the Department of Transportation.

BILL REPORTS

The Law Department noted the following comments regarding the Bill that must be reviewed for form and legal sufficiency.ⁱ

- Board of Estimates recommended the transfer on December 3, 2025, and the Planning Commission recommended the transfer on November 20, 2025. Assuming the Finance Department has also recommended this transfer of funds, the Law Department can approve Council Bill 25-0143 for form and legal sufficiency.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note:

\$1,000,000 contained in the Fiscal 2026 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund Appropriation, is transferred from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) Capital Budget.

Analysis by: Paroma Nandi

Direct Inquiries to: 443-890-0839

Analysis Date: 1/2/2026

Sources:

ⁱ Baltimore City Ordinance 25-0143. Agency Report – Department of Law. (December 19, 2025). Legistar.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0143
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

Cosponsored by: Councilmember Blanchard

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)

Introduced and read first time: December 15, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Planning, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

**General Fund Appropriation Transfer –
Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to
Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) –
\$1,000,000**

6 FOR the purpose of amending the Capital budget to provide previously authorized and
7 appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122
8 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526
9 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)); and providing for a special effective date.

10 BY authority of

Article VI - Board of Estimates
Section 9(a)(2)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Recitals

16 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that new or different amounts for capital
17 projects from those stated in the capital budget portion of the Ordinance of Estimates shall not be
18 authorized unless the Board of Estimates has received and considered the reports and
19 recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Director of Finance.

20 On November 20, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended the transfer authorized by
21 this Ordinance.

22 In addition, Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the
23 Board of Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
24 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

25 On December 3, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
26 Ordinance.

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

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
2 sum of \$1,000,000, contained in the Fiscal 2026 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
3 Appropriation, is transferred from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to
4 Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)).

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
6 enacted.



TO: Board of Estimates, Office of Comptroller
FROM: AGC5700 - Planning : AGC7000 - Transportation
DATE: 12/05/2025
Submission #: SB-25-13996
SUBJECT: FY26 Transfer of Funds - Neighborhood Traffic Calming

ACTION REQUESTED OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES:

The Board is requested to approve a Transfer and Allocation of Funds.

PERIOD OF
CONTRACT/AGREEMENT: Based on Board Approval

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Transaction Amount: \$ 0.00

Project Fund	Amount
-CCA001523	-\$ 1,000,000.00
-PRJ002526-RC0669	\$ 1,000,000.00

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Board is requested to approve this transfer of General Funds for Neighborhood Traffic Calming. During the FY26 budget process, the City Council re-directed one million dollars to neighborhood traffic calming. The funds were allocated in the Ordinance of Estimates to the PAYGO Supplemental Funding cost center. This action transfers them into the Neighborhood Traffic Calming project within the Department of Transportation.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1% FOR PUBLIC ART: N/A.

ENDORSEMENTS:

McAmato -

Clerk, Board of Estimates

12-03-2025



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jon Laria, Chairman



CAPITAL TRANSFER

Tim Keane
Director

November 20, 2025

On November 20, 2025, the Planning Commission **approved** the following capital transfer:

Transfer From: CCA001523 PAYGO Supplemental Funding in Miscellaneous General
\$1,000,000.00
RC0669 General Fund Revenue - Capital

Transfer To: PRJ002526 Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)
\$1,000,000.00

This transfer will provide the funds to plan and implement traffic calming in neighborhoods proactively identified as having higher-than-average crashes on local roads compared to other neighborhoods around the City.

Staff recommends approval. Funds were allocated for neighborhood traffic calming as part of the FY26 budget, but weren't appropriated to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming project account in DOT's capital budget. This action is moving the funds to the project.



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	Board of Estimates
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director <i>Laura Larsen</i>
DATE	November 26 th , 2025
SUBJECT	SB-25-13996

Background

This action seeks to increase funding for Neighborhood Traffic Calming projects in the Fiscal 2026 Capital budget. Funding for this increase is coming from the Special Projects allocation that was included in the Fiscal 2026 budget.

The Fiscal 2026 Adopted Capital Budget included \$2.34 million for this project. If this action is approved, total funding for the project will be \$3.34 million. The outyears of the Capital Improvement Plan includes \$5.6 million for neighborhood traffic calming projects from Fiscal 2027 through Fiscal 2031.

Baltimore City Council



Budget & Appropriations

Committee

Bill: 25-0143

Title: General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Agency Reports

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW
EBONY M. THOMPSON,
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December 19, 2025

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0143 – General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Dear President and Members of the Council:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0143 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides for a transfer of previously authorized and appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)). The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

The City Charter permits transferring an appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates from one entity to another so long as it is recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. City Charter, Art. VI, § 9(a)(2). With respect to new or different amounts for capital projects from those stated in the Ordinance of Estimates, these fund transfers may not be authorized by the Board of Estimates unless it has received and considered reports and recommendations from the Planning Commission and the Director of Finance. City Charter, Art. VI, § 9(a)(2). In conformance with the Charter, the bill states that the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer on December 3, 2025, and the Planning Commission recommended the transfer on November 20, 2025. Assuming the Finance Department has also recommended this transfer of funds, the Law Department can approve Council Bill 25-0143 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson
Ethan Hasiuk
Shamoya Gardiner
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director <i>Laura Larsen</i>
DATE	January 5 th , 2026
SUBJECT	Council Bill 25-0143 General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 25-0143, Supplementary General Fund Appropriation- M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$1,000,000, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of General Funds by \$1,000,000 to Department of Transportation, PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)).

Background

The General Fund dollars appropriated by this Ordinance represent \$1,000,000 allocated to neighborhood traffic calming by the City Council during the Fiscal 2026 budget process. These funds were allocated in the Ordinance of Estimates to the PAYGO Supplemental Funding cost center. In Fiscal 2026, the Department of Transportation did not have an appropriation for unallocated PAYGO Supplemental Funding; however, the Department received an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars. This bill makes \$1,000,000 available to the Department of Transportation for neighborhood traffic calming projects.

The Baltimore City Charter authorizes agency spending based on the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplementary appropriations when an agency receives unanticipated revenue, such as grants, or implements new programs that could not have been anticipated at the time the budget was developed. This supplemental appropriation is required to meet the Charter requirements.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Transportation requires a supplemental appropriation due to City Council allocations within the Fiscal 2026 budget. This supplemental appropriation formally allocates \$1.0 million to the Traffic Calming project so these projects can be carried out. Appropriations in the capital budget are multi-year and do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Projects initiated this spring can be completed during the upcoming summer construction season.

Conclusion

This Ordinance authorizes a necessary supplemental appropriation to allow the Department of

Transportation to expend \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars allocated by the City Council for neighborhood traffic calming initiatives in Fiscal 2026. The appropriation complies with the requirements of the Baltimore City Charter and ensures that funds allocated through the budget process are properly available for expenditure. By enabling the timely implementation of neighborhood traffic calming projects, this action supports improved traffic safety and quality of life in communities across Baltimore City.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 25-0143.

cc: Michael Mocksten
Nina Themelis



CITY OF BALTIMORE
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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Tim Keane, Director, Department of Planning
DATE	December 19, 2025
SUBJECT	City Council Bill #25-0143

Position: Favorable

Summary of position: The Department of Planning supports a favorable position on CCB #25-0143 which transfers \$1,000,000 of General Fund Revenue – Capital to PRJ002526 Neighborhood Traffic Calming. This funding will support the planning and implementation of traffic calming initiatives in neighborhoods proactively identified as having higher-than-average crashes on local roads compared to other neighborhoods around the City. This transfer is required to correctly appropriate funding that was allocated in the FY2026 budget.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact as this is transferring funds from the operating budget to the capital budget.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sara Paranilam, Division Chief, Policy and Data Analysis at sara.paranilam@baltimorecity.gov.



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	January 5, 2026
SUBJECT	25-0143 • General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

Council Bill 25-0143 would amend the FY26 Capital Budget to provide previously authorized and appropriated general funds to the Department's PRJ002526, Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151). These funds would then be used to support DOT's efforts to implement additional traffic calming Citywide. This transfer will fund data collection, traffic design, and investigation that will result in quick build traffic calming projects at high-crash locations. Traffic calming may include a variety of treatments including bump-outs, paint, and flex-posts; speed humps; signage; high-visibility crosswalks; and other appropriate treatments. An additional \$2,000,000 dollars have been programmed for this effort in the FY27-32 Capital Improvement Program.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The funding being transferred has already been appropriated as part of the budget process and will support our efforts to create safer streets for all road users. As such, the Department requests a favorable report on Council Bill 25-0143.