

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0209R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2024
Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Mayor’s Office of Infrastructure Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Department of Public Works, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of Transportation, Parking Authority of Baltimore City, Baltimore Development Corporation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Examining Baltimore’s Bike Infrastructure**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation,
4 the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, the
5 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Parking Authority of Baltimore
6 City, the Mayor’s Office on Infrastructure Development, the Office of Equity and Civil
7 Rights, the Baltimore City Public School System, Bikemore, community leaders, local
8 business owners, and other interested parties to discuss: (1) the process of developing new
9 bike infrastructure; (2) the rationale for investing in bike infrastructure and its relationship to
10 larger public transit infrastructure needs and goals; (3) how to achieve greater neighborhood
11 engagement from private citizens and business owners; and (4) strategic planning of new
12 infrastructure for all communities, including updated funding models and consideration of
13 public safety ramifications of existing and proposed infrastructure, before developing new
14 bike infrastructure.

15 **Recitals**

16 Collaboration between the City, bike lane advocates, and people within communities affected
17 by bike lane infrastructure projects has not been successful in its pursuit of equity. The voices of
18 homeowners, business owners, and the public at large are critical and desperately needed as
19 Baltimore City moves forward in its revitalization efforts for positive, safe bike infrastructure as
20 a part of the City’s larger public transit planning.

21 As the City continues to develop its built environment to best serve the people of Baltimore,
22 the City Council is interested in gathering input from all stakeholders. Before developing new
23 bike infrastructure, the City Council seeks to engage residents from any and all affected
24 communities, including families, older adults, commuters, students, bicycle advocates,
25 individuals with disabilities, business owners, and others in a discussion of the forms of bike
26 infrastructure and how they tie into comprehensive transit needs, underlying poor road
27 conditions, and ongoing urban planning goals.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City
2 Council invites representatives of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, the
3 Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, the Department of
4 Housing and Community Development, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the Mayor’s
5 Office on Infrastructure Development, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Baltimore City
6 Public School System, Bikemore, community leaders, local business owners, and other interested
7 parties to discuss: (1) the process of developing new bike infrastructure; (2) the rationale for
8 investing in bike infrastructure and its relationship to larger public transit infrastructure needs
9 and goals; (3) how to achieve greater neighborhood engagement from private citizens and
10 business owners; and (4) strategic planning of new infrastructure for all communities, including
11 updated funding models and consideration of public safety ramifications of existing and
12 proposed infrastructure, before developing new bike infrastructure.

13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
14 Baltimore City Department of Transportation, the Director of the Maryland Department of
15 Transportation, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of the
16 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Parking
17 Authority of Baltimore City, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Infrastructure Development,
18 the Director of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Chief Executive Officer of the
19 Baltimore City Public School System, the Director of Bikemore, and the Mayor’s Legislative
20 Liaison to the City Council.