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<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	January 15, 2025
<b>SUBJECT</b>	25-0016 • Zoning Code – Minor Variances – Modifications

**Position: Without recommendation**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

Council Bill 25-0016 would broaden the scope of what is considered a “minor” variance under the Zoning Code. This would streamline the process for requesting variances for those cases which fall within the requirements being relaxed by this legislation. These changes do not meaningfully impact DOT’s ability to regulate the impact of development on City roadways. In general, the cases to which this legislation would extend minor variance state are not significant enough in scale or impact to warrant DOT involvement, except in cases where modifications need to be made to City right of way (such as driveways, minor privileges, and so on).

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

This change is not expected to adversely impact DOT or its ability to manage development-related impacts on right of way or traffic congestion. For these reasons, the Department provides no recommendation and defers to the Department of Planning’s recommendations on Council Bill 25-0016.