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

RE: Council Bill 24-0233R– Informational Hearing – Department of Transportation –
Street Paving Timelines

Dear President and Members:

The Law Department reviewed 24-0233R. The bill requires the Director of the Department of Transportation and invites utility partners to discuss the schedule for road resurfacing and the manner by which the repaving schedule is developed and communicated to affected communities.

In general, Section 9 of Article III of the City Charter, as well as Section 1-4 of Article 1 of the City Code, give the City Council authority to study or investigate the operation of City agencies and to make recommendations for the more effective operation of the agencies. The Charter requires department heads, municipal officers not embraced in a department, and members of commissions and boards to appear before the City Council if so requested to participate in the discussion of matters relating to their respective departments, offices, commissions, or boards. The Council cannot compel representatives from outside of City government to attend the hearing. However, individuals or representatives from non-City entities may appear voluntarily.

Council Bill 24-0233R is an appropriate resolution to initiate this process and request the specified officials to attend to provide information on the schedule for road resurfacing and communication to affected communities.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 24-0233R for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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