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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0201		

TO Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: March 26, 2018

TO: Respective City Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 18-0201 - Waterfront Management District – Exemption from Supplemental Tax

**INTRODUCTION** – For the purpose of allowing the Waterfront Management Authority to exempt certain mixed use properties from the supplemental tax; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the Waterfront Management District.

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – The intent of this bill is to allow Waterfront Management Authority to exempt certain mixed use properties from the supplemental tax relating to the Waterfront Management District. It does so by repealing and reordaining, with amendments Article 14 - Special Benefits Districts, Section(s) 8-8(a)(2), Baltimore City Code, (Edition 2000) which will add the following additional text:

(iii) PROPERTIES CONTAINING 4 OR FEWER RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WITH A NON-RESIDENTIAL USE ON THE GROUND OR FIRST LEVEL ONLY, IF EXEMPTED BY THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES; AND

(iv) properties OTHERWISE exempt under:

- (A) this subtitle;
- (B) City Charter Article II, § (63); or
- (C) any other applicable law.

**BRIEF HISTORY** – The Baltimore Waterfront Partnership was established in 2005 to bring attention to the Inner Harbor. Then Mayor, Martin O’Malley established a panel to make recommendations on how the Harbor could be better managed. The Panel suggested that a bid be created similar to Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, thus the non-profit “Waterfront Partnership” was born. Waterfront Partnership worked tirelessly for two years to form the Waterfront Management Authority (WMA).

The Waterfront Partnership District includes the Harbor East and Fells Point neighborhoods. The Inner Harbor area is bounded approximately by Eastern Avenue to the north, Caroline Street to the east, Aliceanna and Sleet Street to the south, and President Streets to the west. The Fells Point extension area is bound by Lancaster Street to the north, the alley between Caroline and Bond Streets to the east, and Thames Street to the south, and Caroline Street to the west.

The sites within the Waterfront Partnership District are generally used for commercial and mixed use establishments.

**FISCAL IMPACT** – Not available at this time.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** –

The Department of Transportation respectfully supports City Council Bill 18-0201.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katelyn McCauley at [Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov), (443) 677-9391.

Sincerely,

