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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0117	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support with Amendment**
RE: Council Bill – 21-0117

DATE: 1/5/2024

INTRODUCTION – Termination of Administrative Parking Regulations - Peak Hour Parking Restrictions

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of terminating peak hour parking restrictions (1) on the 100 through 800 blocks of East 33rd Street; (2) on the 2700 through 3600 blocks of Hillen Road; (3) on the 3300 through 3500 blocks of The Alameda; (4) on the 2500 through 3200 blocks of Loch Raven Boulevard; and (5) on the 2900 through 4300 blocks of Greenmount Avenue.

COMMENTS –Council Bill 21-0117 looks to remove existing peak hour parking restrictions on several corridors within the 14th Council District. Peak hour parking restrictions exist on a variety of corridors across the City, serving to increase traffic capacity during peak hours. During non-peak hours, the right-of-way is often made available for parking, loading and other curbside uses.

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has provided a service chart for the corridors being considered:

Corridor	MTA Routes	Max Buses Per Hour
East 33rd Street <i>Unit block to 1100 block</i>	CityLink Silver LocalLink 22	15 (6 west of Univ Pkwy)
Hillen Road <i>2700 block to 3600 block</i>	None	N/A
The Alameda <i>3300 block to 3500 block</i>	CityLink Green, CityLink Silver LocalLink 53	14
Loch Raven Boulevard <i>2500 block to 3900 block</i>	Express BusLink 103	2
Greenmount Avenue <i>2900 block to 4300 block</i>	CityLink Red LocalLink 52	11
Falls Road <i>3600 block to 4400 block</i>	LocalLink 94	3

In the previous meeting, the Department of Transportation (DOT) was in the process of completing a peak hour parking restrictions study. Based on information from the study and in collaboration with the MTA, the Department holds the following stances for removal of peak parking restrictions in the streets listed in Council Bill 21-0117:

- **The 100 through 800 blocks of East 33rd Street – Removal Not Recommended** - Removal of peak hour parking restrictions at this location is projected to have significant operational impact on CityLink Silver and LocalLink 22 routes. Additionally, this area is currently under study for the Greenway Trails network and the removal of peak hour restrictions could limit potential trail alignment options.

- **The 2700 through 3600 blocks of Hillen Road – Completed** - DOT has removed the peak hour parking restrictions on these blocks.
- **The 3300 through 3500 blocks of The Alameda – Removal Recommended** – DOT Traffic Division is open to removing peak hour parking restrictions along this corridor.
- **The 2500 through 3200 blocks of Loch Raven Boulevard**
 - **2500 through 3100 blocks – Completed** – DOT has removed the peak hour parking restrictions on these blocks.
 - **3200 block of Loch Raven – Removal Not Recommended** – DOT does not recommend the removal of peak hour parking restrictions from the 3200 block due to a variation in roadway width.
- **The 2900 through 4300 blocks of Greenmount Avenue**
 - **2900 through 3200 blocks – Removal Recommended** – This area serves as the a major small business hub for Waverly Main Street.
 - **3300 through 4300 blocks – Removal Not Recommended** - Removal of peak hour parking restrictions on this corridor is projected to have significant operational impact on MTA CityLink Red and LocalLink 52. Additionally, this corridor is in consideration by MTA for express transit options. Removal of the restrictions could limit potential future installation of dedicated bus lanes along the corridor. CityLink Red is one of MTA’s highest ridership bus lines in the region and changes would have significant impacts to City residents utilizing transit.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that **Council Bill 21-0117 be amended**, allowing existing peak hour parking restrictions to remain on 33rd Street, Greenmount Avenue, and the 3200 Block of Loch Raven Boulevard.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

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