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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0018		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott  
TO: Public Safety & Government Operations Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **No Objection**  
RE: Council Bill – 21-0018

DATE: 1/11/21

**INTRODUCTION** – Study and Report - Towing Dispatch Systems

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 21-0018 calls on Baltimore City Information Technology (BCIT) to review and evaluate methods relating to the dispatching of tow trucks within Baltimore City. Within 60 days after the bill’s enactment, BCIT is expected to have consulted with several city agencies, including Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) to assist in completing the comprehensive evaluation and review. The evaluation and review must look at three dispatch methods, one being the prospect of integrating with existing computer-aided dispatch systems currently utilized by the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Department of Public Works. The bill is slated to go into effect the day the legislation is enacted.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** – The Department of Transportation foresees no immediate direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 21-00018. The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to Council Bill 21-0018.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey  
Director