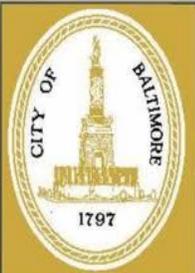


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0159		

January 14, 2022

TO:

Ways and Means Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0159 introduced by Council Members Conway, Dorsey, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Torrence, Middleton, Ramos, Porter, and Glover. The purpose of the Bill is to convert the City fleet of vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, to zero-emissions vehicles; define certain terms; authorize rules and regulations; and generally relating to the City's procurement of vehicles.

The Department of Public Works' fleet includes sedans, pickup trucks, vans, and other light duty vehicles, as well as heavy work vehicles and equipment. Maintaining our fleet requires detailed knowledge about the age and condition of each vehicle, the projected operational needs, and the available funds in our budgets to schedule routine replacements. We work closely with the Department of General Services (DGS), the lead agency that manages and coordinates the purchasing of the City's fleet of vehicles, to keep our fleet operational and viable. Several years ago, DGS gave Public Works employees the opportunity to participate in testing the performance and practicality of electric vehicles for our general travel needs around the City and to our regional facilities. General Services' fleet management experience, combined with their Energy Office, makes this agency uniquely qualified to plan for and transition the fleet to Zero Emission Vehicles, as well as Net-Zero Vehicles. We concur with their recommendation that the legislation require all City agencies to proactively work with them to develop a Zero Emissions Vehicle plan.

The Department of Public Works defers to the Department of General Services on City Council Bill 21-0159.


Jason W. Mitchell
Director