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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0149		

TO Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: 1/4/19

TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee
 FROM: Department of Transportation
 POSITION: No Objection
 RE: Council Bill – 17-0149

INTRODUCTION – Rezoning - 1401 Woodall Street and 1446 Stevenson Street

PURPOSE/PLANS - For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 1401 Woodall Street and 1446 Stevenson Street (Block 2016, Lots 032 and 033), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District.

COMMENTS – Zoning changes impact the nature of development that will take place. Changing from an I-1 Zoning District to a C-2 Zoning District will change the intent of the zoning district from an industrial use to a small to medium scale commercial use with an emphasis on pedestrian circulation. Improving safety conditions for pedestrians often results in, and should coincide with, improved safety for bicyclists. The C-2 Zoning District could increase the need for improved bicycle infrastructure and presents an opportunity to include bicycle infrastructure in the development.

Key Highway, which runs adjacent to 1401 Woodall Street, is identified in the 2015 Bicycle Master Plan as a Proposed Main route (bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, cycletracks) and/or a Trail (off-road trails and sidepaths). Furthermore, the freight community has concerns given that this zoning is adjacent to a truck route and the Domino Sugar plant.

Future development will impact the Department of Transportation when signals, signs, markings, et cetera are added and/or traffic flow conversion may be needed. Additional resources will be needed to maintain new or altered transportation infrastructure in response to development facilitated by the zoning change.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –

The Department of Transportation has No Objection to City Council 17-0149.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Castagnola at Michael.Castagnola@baltimorecity.gov, 410-396-6802.

Sincerely,



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 Director