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	SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0444		

DATE: 2/5/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott  
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **No Objection**  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0444

**INTRODUCTION** – Charter Amendment - Inner Harbor Park

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of amending the provision dedicating for public park uses the portion of the City that lies along the north west and south shores of the Inner Harbor, south of Pratt Street to the water’s edge, east of Light Street to the water’s edge, and north of Key Highway to the water’s edge, from the World Trade Center around the shoreline of the Inner Harbor and including Rash Field to permit multifamily residential development and off-street parking within the dedicated boundaries of Inner Harbor Park; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 23-0444 seeks to amend the City’s Charter for the purpose of redeveloping the Inner Harbor. The Inner Harbor bounded by Light Street and Pratt Street is technically considered park land within the City’s Charter. Council Bill 23-0444 would amend existing permitted uses within Inner Harbor Park to include multi-family dwellings and off-street parking. The area of permitted development within the existing footprint of Inner Harbor Park would increase from 3.2 acres to 4.5 acres. If adopted by the City Council and ratified by the Mayor, the Charter Amendment would then move forward as a ballot initiative during the 2024 General Election with Baltimore City voters determining whether or not the proposed Charter Amendment moves forward.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION** – Inner Harbor redevelopment efforts are subject to existing regulatory oversight by City DOT, including the City’s formal Site Plan Review process and the DOT’s Traffic Mitigation Program. Baltimore City’s Zoning Code requires 1 permanent bike parking space per every 3 dwelling units and 1 temporary bike parking space per every 6 dwelling units. Baltimore City Department of Transportation has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 23-0444. 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,

Corren Johnson, Director