



CITY OF BALTIMORE
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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation (BCDOT)
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	October 2, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0093 • Zoning – Harford Road Overlay District

Position: Without recommendation

BILL SYNOPSIS

Council Bill 25-0093 would establish the Harford Road Overlay District, spanning Harford Road between Argonne Drive and the City Line. Most notably from a BCDOT perspective, the district would facilitate construction of multifamily dwellings, remove off-street parking requirements, and limit the construction of new curb cuts along the corridor. This may serve to encourage denser development and support increased use of transit and active transportation in the corridor over the long term.

The Department is primarily concerned with the management of curb cuts. For context, curb cuts are allowed to remain in perpetuity once built, if they are in use and do not pose a safety hazard. Historically, curb cuts removals have been handled primarily through developer's agreements. Under normal circumstances, BCDOT does not directly perform the removal of curb cuts. The removal of curb cuts by BCDOT would require additional investment and a reliable standard for identifying disused curb cuts.

As previously mentioned, BCDOT works with developers as needed to carry out the removal of unnecessary or detrimental curb cuts. The Department can require a developer to remove a curb cut as part of its developer's agreement; such agreements are required for any work which intrudes on City right-of-way (for instance, water line connections under roads or sidewalks). The Department may require a developer to remove curb cuts on their property in this way when the curb cut is unlikely to be used in the future, such as when the connected driveway becomes blocked as part of development.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Department's position remains unchanged from the previous introduction of the legislation. BCDOT supports efforts to build density and will continue to work with developers to build a more pedestrian-friendly environment whenever possible. The Department has no objection to the

passage of the legislation and makes no recommendation as to the contents of Council Bill 25-0093.