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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 City Hall

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I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 14-0173R, which calls on representatives from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Solid Waste Bureau and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to appear before the Council to discuss the new citywide street sweeping plan, the lessons that can be drawn from its early operations, and what steps can be taken to more fully educate communities about the new plan.

DOT supports this resolution and appreciates this opportunity to provide information about its role in this important initiative.

DOT wholly supports DPW in its new initiative to mechanically sweep 90% of the City's streets. Previously, DPW would designate particular routes for street cleaning, and DOT would post signage prohibiting curb side parking along those designated routes at specific dates and times, enabling towing, in order to clear way for the street sweeping machine. Under the new initiative, most streets – those located outside of the City's central area and Downtown – do not require residents and visitors to remove their vehicles from the streets. Rather, DPW requests that residents voluntarily relocate their vehicles two times a month, and DPW provides signage and other support to help residents communicate with their neighbors about their clean-up days' occurrences. DOT has already removed many parking prohibition signs throughout the City, and according to DPW, this new system is already taking hold.

In the City's central area and Downtown, the initiative requires new signage to notify drivers that parking will be prohibited at the specified times. While some of the existing signage may be able to remain, DOT estimates that approximately 10,000 new signs, more or less, will be needed. DOT is currently preparing contract documents to acquire additional resources necessary for sign fabrication and installation. DOT plans to inspect the central area through its in-house inspection team, block by block, to identify best locations for signage, and then utilize contractors to fabricate and install the signage at identified locations.

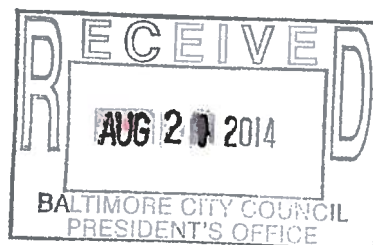
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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