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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0085		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: Council Bill – 21-0085

DATE: 7/1/21

INTRODUCTION – Baltimore City Fire Code - Telephone Access to 9-1-1 Emergency System

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of requiring that certain multiple-line telephone systems allow for the direct dial of 9-1-1; defining certain terms; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain fines; and generally relating to access to the City’s 9-1-1 emergency system.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 21-0085 looks to update Baltimore City’s Fire Code, ensuring the City’s compliance with Kari’s Law. Kari’s Law requires multiple-line telephone systems to allow for direct dial of 9-1-1. The measure is being sought in response to situations where individuals have had difficulties dialing 9-1-1 during active emergencies due to multiple-line telephone systems. The delay or inability to dial 9-1-1 impacts emergency response and mitigation negatively.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 21-0085. The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to Council Bill 21-0085. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director