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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0458	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support**
RE: Council Bill – 19-0458

DATE: 11/9/20

INTRODUCTION – Franchise - Light Pole Base Within the Right-of-Way of Quad Avenue at Interstate 95

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of granting a franchise to the State of Maryland, for the use of the Maryland Transportation Authority, to construct and maintain a private light pole base within the right-of-way of Quad Avenue, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 19-0458 looks to establish a franchise agreement between the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, allowing for the installation of streetlight on a portion of right-of-way adjacent to Quad Avenue. The streetlight will be owned and operated by the Maryland Transportation Authority and is being installed for purpose of improving evening visibility on a portion of Interstate 95 that is located within Baltimore City limits. Quad Avenue services a largely industrial area, meaning the potential of any impact on residential properties resulting from the new streetlight is minimal.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 19-0458. The additional streetlight should improve safety along I-95 due to increased evening visibility. For these reasons, the Department of Transportation has **supports** Council Bill 19-0458.

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