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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 16-0288R		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0288R Traffic Camera Revenue for Crossing Guards for the purpose of calling on the Administration to act to improve the safety of Baltimore's Schoolchildren by dedicating funds from the planned redeployment of speed and red light cameras by the City to increasing the number of crossing guards working to protect our children.

Revenues collected from the Automated Traffic Violation Enforcement System must be used for:

- 1.) Costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems; and
- 2.) May spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs. (MD. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. §7-302 (e)(4))

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) recognizes the invaluable work that school crossing guards play in our communities. DOT feels that at this time it would be premature to allocate funds from the Automated Traffic Violation Enforcement System (ATVES) program beyond repayment of the program. DOT is planning a phased approach to introducing School Zone Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Monitoring. Given this phased approach the first priority needs to be to cover the cost of administering the ATVES program. Once the program has matured the City will take a holistic approach to improving pedestrian safety throughout Baltimore. DOT would like to focus these resources on areas where the installation of the ATVES cameras do not change driver behaviour enough and physical improvements might be warranted. DOT would also like to dedicate funds to the "Safe Routes to School" program to properly educate schoolchildren how to cross streets and the optimal path to get to school safely.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

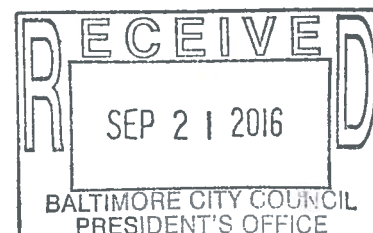
Respectfully,



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Comments