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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
DATE	October 3, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0589 Rezoning – 601 West West Street (Lot N), 616 West West Street (Lot NN), 3 and 701 West Ostend Street (Lot O)

Position: No Objection

Introduction

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 601 West West Street (Lot N) (Block 0688C, Lot 019), and 616 West West Street (Lot NN) (Block 0688C, Lot 009), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-4 Zoning District to the C-5-DC Zoning District, and the property known as 701 West Ostend Street (Lot O) (Block 0954, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the C-5-DC Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

DOT Analysis

Council Bill 24-0589 would convert the properties known as 601 West West Street and 616 West West Street from the C-4 Zoning District to the C-5-DC Zoning District. The C-4 district allows for heavy commercial uses, including principal-use parking garages. In addition, Council Bill 24-0589 would convert the properties known as 701 West Ostend Street from the I-2 Zoning District to the C-5-DC Zoning District. The I-2 zoning district allows for general industrial zoning. In contrast, the C-5-DC zoning allows for heavy commercial and mixed uses including principal-use parking garages. The C-5-DC would allow for the erection of signage on freestanding poles under Council Bill 24-0590.

Conclusion

The Department projects no fiscal or operational impact and has no objection to the advancement of Council Bill 24-0589.