



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	December 10, 2025
<b>SUBJECT</b>	25-0122 • Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation – Department of Transportation – \$2,000,000

**Position: Favorable**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

The source of the \$2,000,000 allocated for PRJ002909 (West Baltimore United) was erroneously labeled as State funding when, in actuality, it is Federal funding. (Please note that the remaining \$400,000 of the \$2,400,000 of State grant funds were correctly labeled as the State is providing \$400,000 in state matching funds.) Council Bill 25-0122 would simply rectify this discrepancy by re-classifying the origin of this allocation to Federal funds, which is needed to allow the Department to access and spend the funds.

West Baltimore United is a project funded through a Reconnecting Communities Grant which aims to create 100% designs and construction funding for a cap treatment over the existing US Route 40 in West Baltimore (also known as the Highway to Nowhere). This would create community space while providing increased pedestrian access across the highway. The current appropriation of \$2,000,000 will fund the planning portion of this effort.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

This corrective bill is essential to facilitate the Department's use of this grant. Therefore, DOT requests a favorable report on Council Bill 25-0122.