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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0300		

TO Mayor Catherine E. Pugh
 TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee
 FROM: Department of Transportation
 POSITION: No Objection
 RE: Council Bill – 18-0300

DATE: 1/4/19

INTRODUCTION – Rezoning – 1600 West 41st Street and Block 3575C, Lot 374

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1600 West 41st Street (Block 3575C, Lot 198A), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the I-MU Zoning District, and for the property known as Block 3575C, Lot 374, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the I-MU Zoning District.

COMMENTS – Zoning changes impact the nature of development that will take place. Changing from an I-2 Zoning District and a R-6 Zoning District to an I-MU Zoning District will change the intent of the zoning district from an industrial use and single-family residential area of moderate density to a mixed-use commercial and residential district that is likely to increase population density. An increase in population density increases the need for improved multi-modal access including improved bicycle infrastructure.

W 41st Street has an existing buffered bike lane between Buena Vista Avenue and Druid Park Drive as is identified in the 2015 Bike Master Plan as a Main Route (bike lane, buffered bike lane, cycle track).

Future development will impact the Department of Transportation when/if signals, signs, markings, et cetera are added and/or traffic flow conversion may be needed. Additional resources will be needed to maintain new or altered transportation infrastructure in response to development facilitated by the zoning change.

This bill would establish consistency in the zoning for the small low area east of I-83 and north of 41st Street. Any increase in transportation trips generated due to the zoning change is not expected to be significant.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –

The Department of Transportation has No Objection to City Council 18-0300.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Castagnola at Michael.Castagnola@baltimorecity.gov, 410-396-6802.

Sincerely,



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 Director