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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 15-0474	M E M O	

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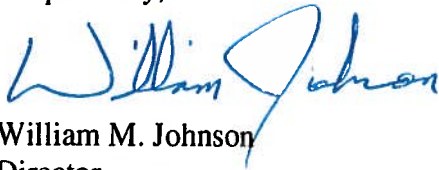
The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

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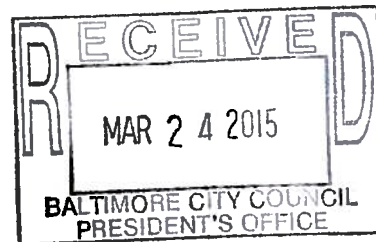
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0474, Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority - Renewal Through April 23, 2019, for renewing and continuing the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority.

DOT supports this bill. Ordinance 7-417, enacted on April 24, 2007, established the Waterfront Management District and created an Authority, known as the Downtown Partnership. City Council Bill 10-0619 extended the district and authority to April 23, 2015, and this bill extends both through April 23, 2019. The Waterfront Management District covers the area fronting Baltimore's Inner Harbor, which is home to many of the City's largest employers. Downtown Partnership provides innumerable benefits to Baltimore's downtown communities, including public safety, landscaping, hospitality, and promenade cleaning services. Most recently, it managed the Inner Harbor 2.0 Plan, which is a comprehensive master plan to re-envision the Inner Harbor properties to continue the City's goals for increased activity, green space, and overall success of downtown. Downtown Partnership is a great asset to Baltimore and DOT fully supports its renewal. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



William M. Johnson
Director



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