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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0569		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support with Amendment**
RE: Council Bill – 20-0569

DATE: 10/19/20

INTRODUCTION – Street Harassment Advisory Commission

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of establishing the Street Harassment Advisory Commission; providing for the Commission’s composition, terms of office, officers, meetings, quorum, and rules of procedure; establishing the general purposes and specific duties of the Street Harassment Advisory Commission; defining certain terms; requiring certain City agencies to adopt model policies and training materials developed by the Street Harassment Advisory Commission; and generally relating to the Street Harassment Advisory Commission.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 20-0569 looks to establish a Street Harassment Advisory Commission for the purposes of helping the City of Baltimore adopt model policies and implement training with the goal of reducing the prevalence of street harassment. The Street Harassment Advisory Commission would be comprised of representatives from organizations who work closely with members of the general population who are at greater risk of street harassment, designees of the Mayor, City Council President, and Comptroller, as well as several municipal agencies including the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT).

Additionally, the legislation defines several street harassment high-risk areas including bus stops, ride-share vehicles and essentially all public right-of-way – each of which are directly or partially regulated by DOT. It is worth noting that there appears to be drafting error where the Maryland Transportation Authority is mentioned when the bill likely intends to reference the Maryland Transit Administration – something that can be corrected with a simple amendment.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 20-0569. The Department of Transportation’s formal position on Council Bill 20-0569 is **support with amendment**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director