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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0252 Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System		

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TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0252, Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System, the purpose of which is to increase the number of Commercial Vehicle Monitoring cameras the City is authorized to have operational at one time from six (6) to 16.

Background

The State Transportation Article, Section § 24-111.3 (d)(2) authorizes the City to impose a civil penalty for violations captured by a Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System. The City enacted its Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System law in August 2013 with Ordinance 13-158. Article 31, Subtitle 34-3(b) of Baltimore City Code limits the City of operating six (6) Commercial Vehicle Monitoring cameras at the same time.

The Commercial Vehicle Monitoring system is intended to reduce traffic congestion and damage to streets, homes, businesses, and other infrastructure by commercial vehicles by monitoring roadways and issuing citations for the unlawful use of restricted roadways. The City currently issues a warning for the first violation, a \$125 citation for the second violation, and a \$250 citation for the third violation to the owner of a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that the system records violating this law.

Since the creation of the program in Fiscal 2018, a total of 13 locations have been used for deployment of Commercial Vehicle Monitoring cameras. A total of 11,195 citations have been issued for first, second, and third offenses, with the City collecting approximately \$221,625 in revenues as of June 30, 2022.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance anticipates the addition of 10 cameras will have a net cost of \$619,600. The additional cameras are projected to generated \$98,600 in new revenue. The projected annual cost for the new cameras is \$718,200 at \$5,900 per month per camera.

Cameras	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
1	\$5,985	\$71,820
10	\$59,850	\$718,200

Other Considerations

The Department of Finance defers to the Department of Transportation to report on the criteria determining the locations of cameras to address nuisance or other issues caused by commercial vehicles, but considers that this program, as currently structured, is not financially sustainable to expand up to 16

cameras. Funding additional cameras will need to be reviewed and determined through the annual budget process.

Conclusion

This legislation would authorize the City to have up to 16 Commercial Vehicle Monitoring cameras operational at the same time, but would not require the installation of additional cameras. Since revenue collected from the additional cameras would not cover the operational costs, the installation of additional cameras must be considered during the annual budget process.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0252.

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