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<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
<b>DATE</b>	August 6, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	24-0559 Francis Scott Key Bridge - Actions and Remedies

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## **Position: Support**

### Introduction

For the purpose of exercising the City’s authority granted under City Charter, Article II, §§ (10) {“Harbor, docks, and wharves”} and (47) {“General welfare”} to: (1) provide for the preservation of the navigation of the Patapsco River and its tributaries; (2) prevent injury to navigation or health; and (3) maintain the peace, good government, and health and welfare of the City of Baltimore, by establishing that in a cause of action arising out of the allision between a ship, the M/V Dali, and the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to recover for economic loss; providing the City Solicitor with the authority to establish certain rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the allision between a ship, the M/V Dali, and the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024.

### DOT Analysis

Council Bill 24-0559 would facilitate the City’s efforts to recoup certain costs associated with the collapse of the Francis Scott Key bridge over the Patapsco River. The bridge collapse has caused a large volume of traffic to be rerouted through City streets, primarily corridors in South Baltimore. The Department is collaborating with partners like the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to capture the full extent of traffic impacts on the City’s roadways.

### Conclusion

The Department supports the intent of the legislation but defers to the Law Department on the projected impact and execution of Council Bill 24-0559.