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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (BCDOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527	BALTIMORE	
	SUBJECT	Mayor & Council Resolution 23-0389	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support**
RE: Mayor & City Council Resolution – 23-0389

DATE: 6/3/23

INTRODUCTION – Transit-Oriented Development - Reisterstown Plaza

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of supporting a State Transit-Oriented Development designation for Reisterstown Plaza, the area surrounding and including the Reisterstown Plaza Metro Subway Link Station; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Mayor & City Council Resolution 23-0389 seeks to formally clarify support of State Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) designation for properties surrounding the existing Reisterstown Plaza Metro SubwayLink Station. Existing State law requires local governments to formally announce support for State TOD designation, in the form of a resolution from a locality’s legislative body. State TOD designation of Reisterstown Plaza Metro Subway Link Station was identified as a priority request in Baltimore City’s 2023 Priority Letter to Maryland Department of Transportation.

Located on the 6400 block of Wabash Avenue, Reisterstown Plaza Metro SubwayLink Station is situated directly across the street from Social Security Administration, a major employer within Baltimore City. This portion of Northwest Baltimore City currently contains a number of sizable, underdeveloped parcels that could benefit from State TOD designation and be redeveloped into walkable, transit-accessible mixed-use development.

As defined by the Transportation Article, State TOD designation would provide the area with “dense, mixed-use deliberately-planned development within a half-mile of transit stations that is designed to increase transit ridership”. If implemented, State TOD designation will help maximize economic development potential of the existing Reisterstown Plaza Metro SubwayLink Station and abutting neighborhoods in unison with the BCDOT’s Complete Streets efforts. The process for formal State TOD designation is slated to change July 1, 2023, due to the adoption of House Bill 12 during the 2023 Legislative Session.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – Formal State TOD designation is in alignment with efforts to create a more sustainable, walkable Baltimore City. As such, Baltimore City Department of Transportation fully **supports** the adoption of Mayor & City Council Resolution 23-0389.

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

Sincerely,

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