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	SUBJECT	21-0159 Procurement - Zero-Emission Vehicles		

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TO

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

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**Position: Favorable**

The Office of the Comptroller is reporting on City Council Bill 21-0159 Procurement - Zero-Emission Vehicles. The purpose of this bill is to convert the City fleet of vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, to zero-emission vehicles; defining certain terms; authorizing rules and regulations; and generally related to the City's procurement of vehicles.

**Background**

This bill brings City law in line with state procurement practices; the Maryland Department of General Services currently has statewide contracts in place for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles. Also, in 2021, the General Assembly enacted the Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act which requires the Maryland Transit Administration, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, to purchase only zero-emission vehicles for its local bus fleet that operates in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties. In December 2021, MTA announced its implementation plan to transition to a 50% zero-emissions fleet by 2030. Just as the new state law will lead to substantial reductions in carbon dioxide emissions over the 2025-2030 timeframe, CB 21-0159 will affect the same kind of much-needed change at the local fleet level.

**Conclusion**

CB 21-0159 takes meaningful and positive steps to shape City purchasing policies in ways that will benefit the environment and help address the harmful health effects of vehicle emissions in a dense urban environment.

**For the reasons stated above, the Comptroller's Office supports the bill.**

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