


<b>F R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Interim Director	CITY of BALTIMORE	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (BCDOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 22-0152R	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott  
TO: Committee of the Whole  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **No Objection**  
RE: Council Resolution – 22-0152R

DATE: 4/7/23

**INTRODUCTION** – Informational Hearing - Executive Leadership - Vacancies

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of inviting the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, the City Administrator, representatives from the Department of Public Works, representatives from the Department of Transportation, representatives from the Department of Recreation and Parks, representatives from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, representatives from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, and any other interested parties to come before the City Council to discuss current vacancies in executive leadership positions across all City agencies, the impact of these vacancies on City operations and delivery of services, the impact of relying on long-term “interim” or “acting” executives, current plans to fill such vacancies, and, generally, the City’s ability to attract and retain executive leadership.

**COMMENTS** – Council Resolution 22-0152R calls on Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) to join partner municipal agencies in participating in a public hearing before the City Council to discuss active vacancies within executive leadership, and the impact of executive leadership vacancies on municipal government operations. Since November 2022, BCDOT has been led by Interim Director Corren Johnson. Under Interim Director Johnson’s Leadership, BCDOT has maintained steady progress towards improving internal agency operations while simultaneously scaling up in preparation for transformative planning and capital projects.

Of note is BCDOT’s recent successful grant award of US Department of Transportation’s competitive Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. BCDOT’s successful grant effort secured \$2 million in planning dollars to be utilized for the reimagining West Baltimore Route 40 – colloquially known as the Highway to Nowhere. Additionally, BCDOT’s preliminary FY24 capital budget is forecasted to be the agency’s largest in over a decade, with significant focus on improving ADA and pedestrian access across Baltimore City, as well as increased roadway resurfacing. Together, these efforts demonstrate BCDOT’s continued progress under the leadership of Interim Director Johnson.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** – BCDOT welcomes the discussion focused on executive vacancies and remains steadfast towards modernizing and upgrading Baltimore City’s transportation corridors. As such, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation has **no objection** towards Council Resolution 22-0152R.

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

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson  
Interim Director