



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director <i>Laura Larsen</i>
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SUBJECT	Council Bill 25-0143 General Fund Appropriation Transfer – Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)) – \$1,000,000

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 25-0143, Supplementary General Fund Appropriation- M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$1,000,000, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of General Funds by \$1,000,000 to Department of Transportation, PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)).

Background

The General Fund dollars appropriated by this Ordinance represent \$1,000,000 allocated to neighborhood traffic calming by the City Council during the Fiscal 2026 budget process. These funds were allocated in the Ordinance of Estimates to the PAYGO Supplemental Funding cost center. In Fiscal 2026, the Department of Transportation did not have an appropriation for unallocated PAYGO Supplemental Funding; however, the Department received an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars. This bill makes \$1,000,000 available to the Department of Transportation for neighborhood traffic calming projects.

The Baltimore City Charter authorizes agency spending based on the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplementary appropriations when an agency receives unanticipated revenue, such as grants, or implements new programs that could not have been anticipated at the time the budget was developed. This supplemental appropriation is required to meet the Charter requirements.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Transportation requires a supplemental appropriation due to City Council allocations within the Fiscal 2026 budget. This supplemental appropriation formally allocates \$1.0 million to the Traffic Calming project so these projects can be carried out. Appropriations in the capital budget are multi-year and do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Projects initiated this spring can be completed during the upcoming summer construction season.

Conclusion

This Ordinance authorizes a necessary supplemental appropriation to allow the Department of

Transportation to expend \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars allocated by the City Council for neighborhood traffic calming initiatives in Fiscal 2026. The appropriation complies with the requirements of the Baltimore City Charter and ensures that funds allocated through the budget process are properly available for expenditure. By enabling the timely implementation of neighborhood traffic calming projects, this action supports improved traffic safety and quality of life in communities across Baltimore City.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 25-0143.

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