



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	June 23, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0175 • Street Names – Authority to Change Suffix

Position: Favorable

BACKGROUND

Council Bill 26-0175 would allow the Baltimore City Council to propose and approve changes to the suffix of certain blocks of a roadway. As written, the legislation would require that suffixes are changed when it would better describe the character of the roadway. Article 26, § 7-3(c) sets forth guidelines for the renaming of roadways applicable to the Council and City agencies; it currently stipulates that any change to the name of a roadway shall be made “to the entire length” of said roadway.

Discussions with the Bill Sponsor have revealed that the legislation is necessary to approve the renaming of a segment of Eutaw Street between Dolphin Street and Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard to “Eutaw Place”. This change is proposed in light of the upcoming redevelopment of the State Center complex, which currently houses several underutilized State government facilities which are slated for closure and potentially demolition in the coming years.

Upon extensive review and consideration, the Department finds that the guidelines set forth in Article 26, § 7-3 (a) and (b) provide sufficient interagency oversight to ensure this expanded authority to change the suffix of individual blocks is used sparingly and appropriately. The Department will continue to work with the Council to identify and review when such changes may be warranted or appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department appreciates the Bill Sponsor’s effort to responsibly modify guidelines for the renaming of roadways. The proposed legislation does not in any way diminish the requirement that the Council makes renaming decisions upon receipt and review of written recommendations from the Departments of Planning and Transportation. For the reasons above, the Department requests a favorable report on Council Bill 26-0175.