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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	24-0209R Informational Hearing – Examining Baltimore’s Bike Infrastructure		

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**TO**

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

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0209R, Informational Hearing – Examining Baltimore’s Bike Infrastructure, the purpose of which purpose of inviting representatives of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the Mayor’s Office on Infrastructure Development, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Baltimore City Public School System, Bikemore, community leaders, local business owners, and other interested parties to discuss: (1) the process of developing new bike infrastructure; (2) the rationale for investing in bike infrastructure and its relationship to larger public transit infrastructure needs and goals; (3) how to achieve greater neighborhood engagement from private citizens and business owners; and (4) strategic planning of new infrastructure for all communities, including updated funding models and consideration of public safety ramifications of existing and proposed infrastructure, before developing new bike infrastructure.

**Background**

The Department of Finance defers to the Department of Transportation (DOT) on matters such as the process of developing new bike infrastructure, neighborhood engagement, and strategic planning of transportation infrastructure. The Department of Finance is aware that there are a number of studies that demonstrate the economic benefits of bike lanes, as well as actual and perceived safety of roads by residents, after the installation of bike lanes.

**Fiscal Analysis**

Spending on bicycle infrastructure is spent almost entirely through the capital budget. The Department of Finance broadly defers to the Department of Planning on matters relating to the Capital Budget. DOT has an activity that has \$161,913 in FY24, budgeted for maintenance of bike lanes.

**Conclusion**

The Finance Department looks forward to discussing bike infrastructure before the Council.

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