


F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Steve Sharkey, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE M E M O	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0190		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Ways & Means Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: Council Bill – 22-0190

DATE: 3/14/22

INTRODUCTION – Repeal of Ordinances 08-94, 08-95, and 08-96 - Westport Waterfront Development District, Westport Special Taxing District, and State Obligations Pledge

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 08-94, which created the Westport Waterfront Development District; repealing Ordinance 08-95, which created the Westport Waterfront Special taxing District; repealing Ordinance 08-96, which authorized the pledge by the City of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 22-0190 is a companion bill to Council Bill 22-0189, looking to repeal existing ordinances that created the Westport Waterfront Development District. The Special Taxing District is associated with previous efforts to redevelop the Westport Waterfront by Turner Development and is no longer needed. Assuming Council Bill 22-0190 is adopted, the impacted parcels will revert to TOD-4 (Transit-Oriented Development) / W-2 (Waterfront Overlay) Zoning Districts. Stonewall Capital, the current property owner, is not seeking Tax Increment Financing (TIF) from the City to undertake their proposed One Westport redevelopment project.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The parcels making up the Westport Waterfront are served by the Westport Light Rail Station, making this area ideal for transit-oriented development. Additionally, the Westport Waterfront is identified as being located within Baltimore City Department of Transportation’s (DOT) South Baltimore / Middle Branch B Traffic Mitigation Zone. Given these factors DOT has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 22-0190.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director