



HEARING NOTES

City Council Resolution: 22-0192

Transit and Traffic - Impoundment or Immobilization - Chronic Offenders

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: March 22, 2022

Time (Beginning): 3:05 PM

Time (Ending): 3:44 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 28

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Odette Ramos Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a

Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a

Agency reports read? yes no n/a

Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a

Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a

Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a

Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember

Seconded by:.....Councilmember

Final Vote:.....

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Ryan Dorsey
- Hilary Ruley, Law Department

- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
 - Pedro Aponte, Department of Finance
 - Shanon Conway, Baltimore City Police Department
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Sharon Green Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
 2. Councilmember Dorsey explained the purpose of the bill. The intent of the bill is similar to State law which focuses on certain similar drivers that are defined as “chronic offenders.” His intention is public safety. The City already immobilizes cars that have three tickets for certain violations. He would like to make sure that the State law which would require the City to notify MVA about certain types of chronic offenders is being implemented.
 3. Agency representatives provided testimony.
 4. Hilary Ruley provided the Law Department’s report. She pointed out that the State of Maryland only grants authority to the City to regulate for parking violations, but not for speed camera violations. If the bill were amended, it could be approved, but would fail to address the sponsor’s intention. Changes to State law can be sought via the Maryland General Assembly
 5. Liam Davis representing the Department of Transportation testified that the merit of the bill is notable. He would like to have further conversations with the sponsor of the bill. He provided information about the automated traffic violation enforcement and unpaid citations.
 6. Pedro Aponte testified that the Department of Finance supports the bill. The Department of Finance is working with the State Department of Motor Vehicles Administration to implement certain laws for chronic drivers.
 7. Shanon Conway, representing the Police Department, presented the Police Department’s position on the bill.
 8. The hearing was opened for public testimony. No one testified.
 9. The hearing was recessed.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

Councilmember Dorsey has submitted an inquiry to obtain related information from the Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Ramos would like the Baltimore City Police Department to provide data on the percentage of time that police officers spend addressing car crashes.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair
John Bullock:
Mark Conway:
Ryan Dorsey:
Antonio Glover:
Odette Ramos:
Robert Stokes:.....

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: March 23, 2022

cc: Bill File

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