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M	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0280	MEMO	

DATE: 12/5/22

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott

TO: Economic & Community Development Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: **No Objection** RE: Council Bill – 22-0280

**INTRODUCTION** – Urban Renewal - Johnston Square - Amendment

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> – For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendices A and B; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

<u>COMMENTS</u> – Council Bill 22-0280 seeks to amend the existing Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square by extending authorization for the existence of the renewal area as well as authorization for Baltimore City to acquire properties within the existing renewal area. The legislation effectively extends authority for the existence of the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Area and municipal authority for property acquisition within the renewal area through December 31, 2026. The legislation also seeks to amend the Johnson Square Urban Renewal Area by removing numerous properties out of the established catchment area.

<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION</u> – Baltimore City DOT does not foresee an immediate operational or fiscal impact resulting from the legislation and has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 22-0280.

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

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson Interim Director