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	SUBJECT	Council Resolution 23-0172R		

DATE: 7/27/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott
TO: Education Workforce and Youth Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support**
SUBJECT: Council Resolution 23-0172R

INTRODUCTION - Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Broadband and Digital Equity

PURPOSE/PLANS - For the purpose of inviting the Office of Broadband and Digital Equity, Baltimore City Department of Finance, the Comptroller, Baltimore City Information Technology, the Law Department, the Department of Transportation, and other relevant parties to provide an update regarding the progress of closing the digital divide by 2030 in Baltimore City; discussing the City’s powers or limitations regarding broadband expansion with regard to State law as well as City contracts and franchises already in place; discussing possible policy or legislative reforms, and any other relevant information of interest to the Baltimore City Council in order to bring Baltimore City's broadband infrastructure and technology into the 21st Century.

COMMENTS – Council Resolution 23-0172R calls on Baltimore City Department of Transportation to join partner municipal agencies in participating in public informational hearing focused the City’s efforts related to broadband and digital equity. As the agency chiefly responsible for maintaining and regulating the City’s extensive network of public right-of-way, Baltimore City Department of Transportation currently does and will continue to play key role in the City’s efforts to expand affordable, fast and reliable broadband across Baltimore.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION – Baltimore City of Department of Transportation welcomes the opportunity to participate at this important informational hearing and **supports** Council Resolution 23-0172R.

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,
Director