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SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0356	MEMO	No.

DATE: 10/9/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott

TO: Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

**POSITION: No Objection** 

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**INTRODUCTION** - Zoning - Modifications to Research and Development Facility Use

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> - For the purpose of amending the definition of research and development establishment; creating use standards for research and development establishments; amending certain Tables of Uses to reflect revised use provisions for research and development establishments in certain Zoning Districts.

<u>COMMENTS</u> – Council Bill 23-0356 seeks to amend the placement and definition of "research and development facility" within the City's Zoning Code. Research and development facilities consist of a wide variety of areas from biotechnology to computer hardware. This bill allows for research and development facilities to be in C-3 and C-4 commercial zones, expanding eligibility beyond traditional industrial zones categories. The updated definition of research and development facilities is supported by Baltimore Development Corporation for the purpose of economic development.

<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION</u> – The Baltimore City Department of Transportation foresees no direct operational or fiscal impact resulting from the advancement of the legislation and has **no objection** towards Council Bill 23-0356.

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