



BRANDON M. SCOTT  
MAYOR  
*100 Holliday Street, Room 250  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
<b>DATE</b>	June 11, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	24-0529 Transit-Oriented Development - Reisterstown Plaza - Amendment

---

## **Position: Support**

### Introduction

For the purpose of amending Ordinance 23-232; supporting the designation of an expanded State Transit-Oriented Development for Reisterstown Plaza, the area surrounding and including the Reisterstown Plaza metro Subway Link Station; and providing for a special effective date.

### DOT Analysis

Council Bill 24-0529 would amend Ordinance 23-232, which originally designated Reisterstown Plaza, the metro station, and surrounding areas as a transit-oriented development (TOD). As per Maryland law, the City must designate an area as a TOD in conjunction with the State. Official TOD designation would benefit the City by facilitating access to tax incentives, State funding, and other resources for projects in the TOD area. The proposed legislation would amend the ordinance to bring the TOD into compliance with this requirement.

The Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station is currently underutilized, with an abundance of parking and few pedestrian destinations in walking distance. Increasing density around this station would serve to drive pedestrian traffic and commercial activity while adding housing stock and growing transit use. Improving transit ridership strengthens the case for new transit services like the Red Line or the proposed North-South Corridor connecting central Baltimore with Towson.

### Conclusion

The Department is invested in the long-term success of sustainable transportation and transit-oriented development in the City. To this end, the Department supports the advancement of Council Bill 24-0529.