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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
DATE	October 3, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0590 Zoning – Sign Regulations – C-5-DC Zoning District – Amendment

Position: No Objection

Introduction

For the purpose of amending sign regulations to permit the sign type “Freestanding (Pole)” in an Area of Special Signage Control within the C-5-DC Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

DOT Analysis

Council Bill 24-0590 would provide for the construction of freestanding poles in the C-5-DC zoning district, which covers a large portion of downtown Baltimore. The C-5-DC zoning district establishes minimum building heights with no upper limits, encouraging the dense commercial development characteristic of Downtown. The Department will participate in the review and permitting process as necessary to ensure that signs do not negatively impact traffic flow or safety.

Conclusion

The Department foresees no fiscal or operational impacts and has no objection to the passage of Council Bill 24-0590.