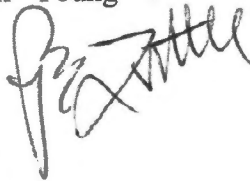


TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Council President Bernard "Jack" Young
FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director
DATE: June 6, 2018
RE: Council Bill 18-0223



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0223, introduced by Councilmembers Scott, Sneed, President Young, Dorsey, Bullock, Burnett, Pinkett, Shleifer, Cohen, Middleton, Reisinger, Stokes, Clarke, and Costello.

The purpose of this bill is providing for the implementation of an Equity Assessment Program for Baltimore City, to be developed and overseen by the Department of Planning; requiring City agencies to assess existing and proposed policies and practices for disparate outcomes based on race, gender, or income, and to proactively develop policies, practices and investments to prevent and redress those disparate outcomes; defining certain terms; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations to carry out this Program; requiring certain notices and reports; and generally relating to the goal of eliminating structural and institutional racism and other forms of discrimination based on immutable characteristics.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City supports the goal of this bill and believes that training of agency staff to assess and redress disparate outcomes is essential to the success of the Equity Assessment Program. We believe that certain programs and initiatives administered by the Parking Authority would benefit from an equity assessment and the development of an equity action plan. Those programs include the Residential Reserved Disabled Parking program, the Residential Permit Parking program, and initiatives with car sharing.

The Parking Authority has reviewed the bill amendments proposed in the Planning Commission's and Law Department's reports and we think those amendments are appropriate and necessary.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0223 with amendments.