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DATE: 7/29/19

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

TO: Land Use & Transportation Committee FROM: Department of Transportation POSITION: Defer to Planning Department

RE: Council Bill - 19-0400

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> – Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lot - 301 East Lombard Street (Aka 300 East Pratt Street)

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> – For the purpose of reauthorizing and continuing the permission for, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of an open off-street parking area on the property known as 301 East Lombard Street (aka 300 East Pratt Street) (Block 1381, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

<u>COMMENTS</u> – This bill will allow for the operation of a surface parking lot at 301 East Lombard Street in the heart of Baltimore's Central Business District. Surface parking lots require a conditional use in C-5-DC zoning districts, per the city's zoning code. The passage of this bill should have no operational or fiscal impact on the Department of Transportation given that the parcel is currently an active surface level parking lot. However, it is worth noting that surface level parking lots tend to counter efforts to make nearby streets more walkable and less auto-centric.

<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION</u> – The Department of Transportation is **deferring to the Planning Department** for City Council Bill 19-0400.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis via email at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 545-3207.

Sincerely.

Steve Sharkey Acting Director