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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0426		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Land Use Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Defer to Planning
RE: Council Bill – 19-0426

DATE: 10/28/19

INTRODUCTION – Rezoning - Block PSCO Lot 085

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as Block PSCO Lot 085, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 19-0426 looks to rezone Block PSCO Lot 085, a portion of abandoned railroad right-of-way, from the I-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District. The parcel is located nearby 601 South Haven Street, another formerly industrial property that has been rezoned in recent years to make way for an approximately 70-unit residential development.

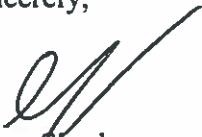
It is worth mentioning that the section of Haven Street adjacent to Block PSCO Lot 085 is currently designated as a truck route, utilized by commercial vehicles that regularly serve nearby industrial properties and the Port of Baltimore. The bulk of the Department of Transportation’s six existing automated truck traffic enforcement cameras are currently located in Southeast Baltimore. This is largely due to an abundance of nearby residential properties being within close proximity or located directly on designated truck routes. Further residential development along designated truck routes such as Haven Street has the potential of leading to an increase in the number of truck traffic complaints received by the Department of Transportation.

Furthermore, Block PSCO Lot 085 falls within an established traffic mitigation zone, requiring certain funds being allocated to the Department of Transportation for traffic mitigation purposes in the event that the parcel is developed.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation defers to the Baltimore City Planning Department for City Council Bill 19-0426.

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
Director