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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0451			

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: No Objection
RE: Council Bill – 19-0451

DATE: 11/18/19

INTRODUCTION – Biennial Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan

PURPOSE/PLANS –For the purpose of requiring that the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive crime reduction plan; specifying that the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice develop the plan in consultation with certain agencies; establishing the contents of the plan; and requiring the publication of the plan on the City’s website for public comment.

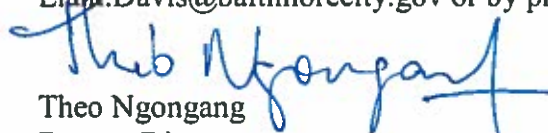
COMMENTS – Council Bill 19-0451 requires the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice to craft and present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive crime reduction plan. The legislation calls on the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice to work with a variety of municipal agencies, including the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT), during the plan development process.

BCDOT appreciates the opportunity to provide input and expertise towards crafting and finalizing a comprehensive biennial crime reduction plan for the City of Baltimore. One of BCDOT’s core functions is the maintenance and operation of Baltimore City’s public right-of-way, which includes virtually all streets, alleys, and sidewalks within the boundaries of Baltimore City proper. It is BCDOT’s viewpoint that ensuring public safety on public right-of-way is paramount.

In terms of ongoing crime reduction efforts, there are a number of ways that BCDOT currently partners with city agencies and stakeholders to improve public safety. More obvious examples include BCDOT’s ongoing efforts from our Maintenance Division to improve lighting along city streets. Additionally, BCDOT helps with traffic control during major events and emergencies by utilizing our Safety Division’s Traffic Enforcement Officers. BCDOT’s automated speed and red light camera network is another public safety tool, helping to ensure that automobile drivers utilizing city streets obey established traffic laws. BCDOT plays a central role in the operation and expansion of the CitiWatch camera program. Cameras are often mounted on poles that fall under the jurisdiction of BCDOT and the agency’s municipal conduit system has been utilized to run fiber cables that the cameras depend on to operate properly. These examples serve as a small example of BCDOT’s commitment towards promoting improved public safety throughout Baltimore City.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to City Council Bill 19-0451.

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.


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