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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0478		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Support with Amendments
RE: Council Bill – 19-0478

DATE: 2/14/20

INTRODUCTION – Curb Cuts - Restoration

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of establishing a process for the City of Baltimore to restore unneeded, unused, or otherwise abandoned curb cuts.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 19-0478 looks to remove obsolete curb cuts on city right-of-way. Upon removal of an obsolete curb cut, the right-of-way area will subsequently be restored back to a functional, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, section of sidewalk. Property owners charged with removing an obsolete curb cut and replacing with a sidewalk must secure necessary city permits and adhere to city footways standards.

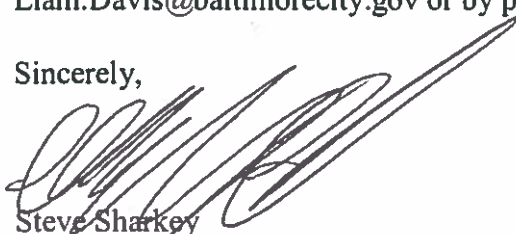
Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) is supportive of Council Bill 19-0478 because passage and implementation of the legislation should help Baltimore City's efforts to improve pedestrian safety. Making Baltimore City more walkable and less auto-centric are two chief goals of the recently passed Complete Streets Ordinance and Council Bill 19-0478 will assist with DOT's efforts to achieve those goals.

Baltimore City DOT is recommending two minor amendments that will allow adequate time for property owners and the City of Baltimore to thoroughly review and address obsolete curb cuts. The first amendment will provide property owners 30 days to protest an order from the City of Baltimore to restore an obsolete curb cut, rather than 15 days as currently proposed. Furthermore, Baltimore City DOT is recommending that the timeline for curb cut removal and sidewalk restoration be amended from 90 days to 180 days, essentially guaranteeing that favorable weather conditions will exist within the mandated correction timeline.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation's position for Council Bill 19-0478 is **support with amendments**.

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,



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