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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0465	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: No Objection
RE: Council Bill – 19-0465

DATE: 4/17/20

INTRODUCTION – Port Covington District and Port Covington Community Benefits District Management Authority

PURPOSE/PLANS – Port Covington District and Port Covington Community Benefits District Management Authority For the purpose of creating a community benefits district for Port Covington; specifying the boundaries of the district; creating a community benefits district management authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority’s Board of Directors; designating the initial interim board of the authority and providing for the selection and approval of a full board, including authority to establish up to three classes of board memberships with certain approval rights granted to each class; creating the administrator for the authority and approving a potential administrator; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the district; providing for a supplemental tax to be collected for the Authority; authorizing the creation of separate classes and subclasses of property

COMMENTS – This bill looks to authorize the creation of a new Port Covington Benefits District, Baltimore City’s latest Community Benefits District (CBD). The Port Covington Benefits District would join Baltimore City’s existing cohort of CBDs: Charles Village Community Benefits District, Downtown Partnership, Waterfront Partnership, and South Baltimore Gateway Partnership. Each CBD is unique, though they are generally funded via a surtax on top of Baltimore City’s existing standard property tax rate. The revenue is then used to supplement existing city services. Existing CBDs in Baltimore City have used the additional revenue to fund anything from increased cleaning and greening services to grants aimed towards promoting various local initiatives – within established CBD boundaries. The Department of Transportation foresees no immediate significant operational impact resulting from the passage of City Council Bill 19-0465.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation has **no objection** to City Council bill 19-0465

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

Sincerely,

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Director