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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0600—General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer- Department of Transportation (Service 690) to Police Department (Service 622)- \$2,000,000		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0600, General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer-Department of Transportation (Service 690) to Police Department (Service 622)- \$2,000,000, the purpose of which is to transfer \$2 million from the Department of Transportation to balance the Baltimore Police Department Fiscal 2020 budget.

Background

The Baltimore City Charter requires that each agency ends the fiscal year in balance. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplementary appropriations when an agency is projected to close the fiscal year in deficit. This transfer is required to meet the Charter mandate.

Fiscal Impact

The Baltimore Police Department has a \$2 million deficit for Fiscal 2020 due to additional expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and protest responses in the final quarter of Fiscal 2020. This action transfers surplus appropriation from the Department of Transportation, which experienced savings from lower-than-projected rates in the new operating contract for the Circulator bus service.

Conclusion

This transfer is required to meet the Charter mandate that every agency closes the fiscal year in balance and transfers \$2 million in surplus funds from the Department of Transportation to the Baltimore Police Department.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 20-0600.

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