



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

**MICHAEL S. HARRISON**  
Police Commissioner

September 30, 2020

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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

Dear Council President Scott and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 20-0600 which seeks a General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer from the Department of Transportation (Service 690) to the Baltimore Police Department (Service 622) in the amount of \$2 million to balance the Baltimore Police Department Fiscal 2020 budget.

The current BPD administration has worked diligently to adopt and implement necessary controls to eliminate frivolous spending. Due to their efforts, the Department was on track to end FY20 under budget. Unfortunately, due to unexpected expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and multi-week protests as a result of the in-custody death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the Department requires a budget transfer in order to meet the Charter mandate that every agency closes the fiscal year in balance.

The BPD supports City Council Bill 20-0600 and appreciates the opportunity to comment. If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 443-915-3155 or via email at [michelle.wirzberger@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:michelle.wirzberger@baltimorepolice.org).

Sincerely,

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