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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0490		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support**
RE: Council Bill – 20-0490

DATE: 10/26/20

INTRODUCTION – Urban Renewal - Carroll Camden - Renewal Area Designation and Urban Renewal Plan

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of repealing the existing Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan and replacing it by designating as a “Renewal Area” an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Carroll Camden, bounded generally by I-95 and Russell Street on the south, Monroe Street on the west, I-395, South Paca Street, and Ostend Street on the north, and Russell Street and Kloman Street on the east; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development, the provisions of the Planned Unit Development control; providing review requirements and controls for all plans for new construction; providing that the provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code apply to properties in the Renewal Area;

COMMENTS – Council Bill 20-0490 looks to repeal the existing Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan and replace with the formal designation of Carroll Camden as an Urban Renewal Area. The updated Urban Renewal Area will incorporate some characteristics of the original Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan that dates back to the year 1960. Since the mid-20th century, a lot has changed around Carroll Camden. Carroll Camden itself remains largely industrial, though the past several decades has seen the construction of nearby Oriole Park at Camden Yards, M&T Bank Stadium, and more recently the Horseshoe Casino.

The new urban renewal area designation will ensure that the area remains industrial in nature, with provisions designed to allow the area to adapt to more modern development trends. Permitted land uses within the designated area stand to diversify what is currently permitted by allowing for Community Commercial, Heavy Commercial, Industrial Mixed Use, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, and Downtown Zoning District classifications. The legislation also includes regulations that require the nearby communities of Pigtown and Westport be notified and consulted of any redevelopment proposals within the established Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Area.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 20-0490. The Department of Transportation **supports** Council Bill 20-0490.

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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