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**HB 226**

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**TO:** Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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**RE:** House Bill 226 – Baltimore City – Complete Streets Program Funding – Traffic and Vehicle Monitoring Systems

**POSITION: Support**

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 226.

HB 226 would require Baltimore City to spend revenues generated by traffic control, vehicle speed, school bus monitoring, and vehicle height monitoring camera systems on public safety and transportation purposes that are consistent with the State and local complete streets programs. The City would be permitted to first recoup the cost of installing and administering the camera systems.

In 2018, Baltimore City passed one of the most thorough and forward-looking complete streets ordinances in the country. All transportation projects undertaken by the City must be evaluated through a complete streets lens and give consideration to use by all types of road users – public transit, pedestrians, bicycles, and other transportation modes as well as cars. Earlier this month, the BCA released the City's Complete Streets Manual.

The BCA plans to invest millions into public education and public safety initiatives. We are sincerely grateful to the sponsor of the bill for her work last year on the amendments that advance the goal of building a world-class complete streets transportation network in Baltimore City while preserving the BCA's financial flexibility.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on House Bill 226.