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TO: Members of the Appropriations Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 230 – Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 230.

HB 230 modernizes MDOT's project prioritization process by increasing transparency, predictability, and coordination with local jurisdictions. These updates are particularly important for Baltimore City's Department of Transportation (BCDOT), where BCDOT maintains all roadways and manages a dense, multimodal network that supports residents, commuters, freight movement, and economic activity across the region. A clearer and more structured capital scoring process strengthens alignment between local planning and State investment decisions.

These changes allow for greater opportunities for consideration of City-led transportation projects within the State's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) process. Given the scale and complexity of Baltimore's multimodal transportation network, this expanded eligibility supports the advancement of corridor improvements, multimodal upgrades, and capacity enhancements that strengthen safety, economic activity, and equitable mobility— consistent with the goals of jurisdictions across Maryland.

The legislation also clarifies the pathway for requesting project development studies and requires publication of available funding levels and project rankings within the CTP. These provisions strengthen transparency and provide clearer expectations for local capital planning.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on HB 230.