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HB 1113

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TO: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 1113 – Vehicle Laws – Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) supports House Bill (HB) 1113.

HB 1113 would replace references to “bus lane monitoring systems” with “bus obstruction monitoring systems”, expanding enforcement from dedicated bus lanes to all transit zones, including bus stops. The bill also prohibits stopping, standing, or parking in a bus stop zone when a transit vehicle is present, subject to limited exceptions.

Bus lane and bus stop obstructions negatively impact travel times and passenger safety. When vehicles block bus stops, riders are forced to walk on the road and then step up to the bus, as opposed to boarding at the curb. This creates accessibility challenges for those with mobility devices or impairments. Furthermore, it creates potential vehicular conflicts by putting riders in the way of parked vehicles.

Current law authorizes the use of onboard or fixed bus obstruction monitoring systems with a civil penalty of \$75 per infraction. This legislation would support the use case for bus-mounted cameras by allowing these enforcement devices to monitor not only dedicated bus lanes, which are still relatively limited across Maryland, but also bus stops. In the long term, this change will reduce bus-vehicle conflicts and improve the experience of all bus riders.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on HB 1113.