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# Department of Transportation Response

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Ms. Isabel Cumming,  
Inspector General  
Office of the Inspector General  
200 N. Holliday Street

**Subject: OIG Report of Investigation (ROI) – Department of Transportation Banner Program**

Dear Ms. Cumming,

In reference to the subject OIG ROI the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts (BOPA) each have their own Banner Program. Under a previous administration, DOT inadvertently issued a permit to [REDACTED] a for profit organization. The Department acknowledges the policy and process were not followed in regards to removal of the banners for the private businesses.

The requisite zoning law has since changed and allows for the issuance of Banner permits to for profit organizations at the cost of a single fee to cover installation, brackets and removal of the banner at the expiration of the permit unless a renewal is requested.

DOT will coordinate with the City Administrator's Office to review the division of duties and fee structures between DOT and BOPA.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Department. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-365-1939 via email [Laetitia.griffin@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Laetitia.griffin@baltimorecity.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laetitia Griffin'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Laetitia Griffin  
Deputy of Administration

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