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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0114 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to grant a franchise to ExxonMobil to construct, use, and maintain a private product recovery system pipeline under and across a portion of the Boston Street right-of-way, connecting facilities located on the properties known as 4200 Boston Street and 1610 South Newkirk Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations.

ExxonMobil owns a former gasoline refinery and a bulk storage terminal on the property known as 4200 Boston Street. These facilities are inactive. ExxonMobil will install several recovery wells to assist with the recovery of gasoline product at this location. A storage tank will be installed on the property known as 1610 South Newkirk Street in an area where ExxonMobil has an existing access agreement. An underground pipeline will connect the recovery wells with the storage tank. The storage tank will be periodically emptied by a tanker truck and removed for recycling of the recovered gasoline product offsite. A portion of the product recovery system pipeline will be located in and begin approximately 4 feet below the surface of the Boston Street right-of-way. Installation will be accomplished using a horizontal directional drilling technique underneath the right-of-way from entry and exit trenches located on the Boston Street and South Newkirk Street properties. The pipeline installation is not expected to interfere with traffic along Boston Street.

The pipeline will enter the northerly side of the Boston Street right-of-way and extend at an angled line to the southerly side of the Boston Street right-of-way, approximately 107 feet from the westernmost corner of the property of CSX right-of way. The pipeline will consist of a 12-inch HDPE casing pipe containing one 2-inch steel product pipe, one 2-inch steel spare line, and several 1/2-inch polyethylene air lines needed to operate the pumps in the recovery wells. The length of pipeline in the right-of-way will measure approximately 77 feet 8 inches and will be 1 foot wide.



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The Department of Transportation advised this Department that plans exist to increase the width of the right-of-way of Boston Street, from Conkling Street to Ponca Street. These plans may result in either a divided, at-grade boulevard or an elevated viaduct with an at-grade local service road and supporting piers. Should either of these plan designs go forward, the location of the proposed pipeline may have to be altered to accommodate the City's right-of-way changes, at the expense of the franchisee. While Section 7 of the Bill provides for such a contingency, the applicant has been made aware of the plans for this area of right-of-way and its potential to impact the proposed pipeline alignment. The applicant still wishes to continue with the franchise request.

As Director of the Department of Public Works, it is my responsibility to recommend a franchise fee to the Board of Estimates for consideration. In accordance with the Minor Privilege Schedule of Charges and Regulations for this type of encroachment into the public way, I will recommend to the Board of Estimates an annual franchise fee of \$271.85.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0114.


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