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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0187	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Ways and Means Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support with Amendment**
RE: Council Bill – 22-0187

DATE: 1/31/22

INTRODUCTION – Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation - Department of Transportation - \$18,000,000

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$18,000,000 to the Department of Transportation - Service 548 (Conduit Enterprise Fund), to provide funding to continue development, maintenance, and control of the miles of conduit ducts under Baltimore City which carry electrical, telephone and optic lines; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 22-0187 seeks authorization to appropriate supplementary funds to support ongoing capital upgrades to Baltimore City’s Municipal Conduit System. Managed and maintained by Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT), the Municipal Conduit System is an underground network of over 700 miles of ducts carrying critical infrastructure, such as electric lines, cabling and fiber broadband. The supplementary allocation of funding from the Conduit Enterprise Fund will allow contractors to continue, without interruption, implementing capital improvements aimed at modernizing the system.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Baltimore City Department of Transportation’s position for Council Bill 22-0187 is contingent on the passage of several technical amendments. The amendments would correct the supplementary funding allocation to \$18,205,000, aligning with Board of Estimates approval and accurately reflect that the supplementary funds would be appropriated from the Conduit Enterprise Fund. Assuming all technical amendments are adopted, DOT **supports** the passage of Council Bill 22-0187.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director