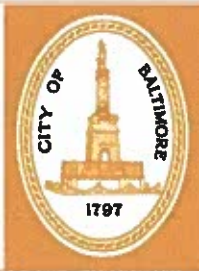


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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Re: **Report- Council Bill 19-0406 (Franchise – Verizon Wireless)**

Dear President and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Office of Information Technology (BCIT) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0406 and is in general support but would like to provide a proposed amendment to Council Bill 19-0406.

When the legislation was drafted, the City and Cellco were unaware that Cellco may be required to construct new conduit when there is no city owned conduit in their proposed route in order to provide the wireless services permitted by Council Bill 19-0406. To address Cellco's potential need for conduit construction, BCIT would like to propose an amendment to the original legislation.

For the deployment of new fiber optic cable in the public way and on park property, the franchise may use existing available city-owned conduit, but there may be instances when the conduit is full, compromised, or otherwise not available for use. In these instances when there is no city-owned conduit and no third party conduit solution available, the franchise may, in coordination with the City, construct additional conduit in the public way or park properties. Any construction completed under this agreement shall be consistent with City standards and shall include at least two additional duct banks in the constructed conduit for future City use. The franchise agrees that ownership of the additional duct banks will be transferred to the City upon completion of the construction.

The additional duct banks would allow the city opportunities to provide services in areas that may be difficult to serve. This opportunity could allow the City to provide Wi-Fi in areas hard to reach, CCTV cameras as well as additional lighting. BCIT is hopeful that this amendment will be considered carefully and is ready to assist moving forward.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 410-387-6545.

Respectfully,

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