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CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE: May 26, 2010

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

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill 10-0480 is for the purpose of superseding certain laws governing the Fort Avenue railroad bridge; ratifying a new agreement between the City and CSX Transportation for the construction and ownership of the bridge; providing for the repeal of laws inconsistent with this Ordinance; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the duties and responsibilities for and the ownership of the Sinclair Lane railroad bridge.

The Department of Transportation reached an agreement in principle with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) in October 2007 to reconstruct and share in the cost of reconstructing the Fort Avenue Bridge over CSXT's railroad tracks. Reaching this agreement avoided costly and uncertain litigation for both parties and provides for a timely reconstruction of the bridge which require same due to its age and condition. Under the agreement, CSXT will reimburse the City for 75% of the reconstruction, and the City will continue with its plans to redesign the bridge in accordance with local, state and national standards. Upon approval of the plans, specifications and estimates, the City will bid and award the project according to standard City practices. Upon the City's acceptance of the project, the City will assume ownership of the bridge pursuant to a Deed of Easement, which is an exhibit to the agreement. This project is all federal funded.

This legislation does not mandate any increases in City cost. Therefore, the Department of Finance supports this bill.

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