
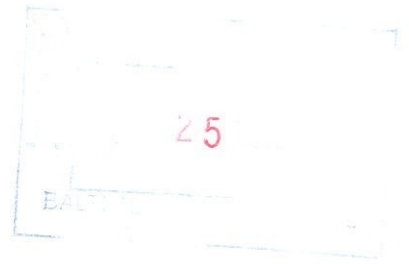


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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL NO. 10-0480		

DATE: June 24, 2010

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 No. 10-0480

Fort Avenue Bridge – Reconstruction, Repair and Maintenance

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 consistent with the Ordinance; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the duties and responsibilities for and the ownership of the Fort Avenue railroad bridge.

In October 2007, the Department of Transportation reached an agreement in principle with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT, Inc.) to reconstruct and share in the cost of reconstructing the Fort Avenue Bridge over CSXT's railroad tracks in Locust Point. Reaching this agreement avoided costly and uncertain litigation for both parties and provides for a timely reconstruction of the bridge which requires same due to its age and condition.

Under the Agreement, approved by the Board of Estimates on November 23, 2009, CSXT has procured an engineering firm to redesign the bridge in accordance with local, state and national standards, and to assign these plans, specifications and estimates to the City. Upon assignment and approval of the plans, the City will bid and award the project according to standard City practices. Upon construction completion and the City's acceptance of the project, the City will assume ownership of the bridge pursuant to a Deed of Easement.

Pursuant to the agreement, CSXT will pay 75% of the cost of reconstruction and the City will pay 25% of the cost. The source of funds for the City's share will be a portion of the City's annual allocation of federal highway funds, as appropriated in the FY2010 Capital Improvement Program. The current construction estimate is \$8.0 million, including approximately \$1.2 million in design and inspection costs which are subject to cost-sharing. The City's 1% for Art Ordinance will apply to this project. Construction is expected to begin in the late Winter 2011 and last less than one year.

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The Department of Transportation supports the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

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DIRECTOR

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cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson
Mr. Jamie Kendrick
Mr. Frank Murphy