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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0123		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **Support with Amendment**
RE: Council Bill – 21-0123

DATE: 11/12/21

INTRODUCTION – Franchise - Underground Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of granting a franchise to the State of Maryland (Maryland Transit Administration) to construct, use, and maintain an underground conduit and fiber optic cable, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 21-0123 would grant a franchise to MDOT MTA, allowing for the installation of private conduit within City right-of-way that would extend existing fiberoptic cable infrastructure maintained by MDOT MTA to their facility at 6000 Metro Drive. The installation is to be completed at no expense to the City of Baltimore and any disturbed surface conditions must be restored to previous conditions or better. The franchise agreement will last approximately 25 years and the Department of Transportation is recommending the fee be waived. This recommendation is consistent with past practice and our cooperative working relationship with MDOT MTA. If the franchise fee were not to be waived, DOT would recommend an annual fee of \$3,380 based on the length of the proposed conduit.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation foresees no immediate significant fiscal or operation impact on the agency resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 21-0123 and **supports with amendment** passage of the legislation. DOT’s proposed amendment is technical in nature, correcting the developer’s agreement number referenced in the bill’s text.

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