

<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0004/ RAILWAY FRANCHISE – CONSENT TO TRANSFER		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

January 23, 2017

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #17-0004, which is for the purpose of acknowledging that Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail, LLC (“BWRR”) has sought the consent of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the transfer of the authority to exercise the franchise formerly held by the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad in accordance with PSC Order No. 87248, in Case 9363; granting consent for BWRR to exercise the franchise formerly held by the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad; and generally relating to the transfer of a certain railway franchise.

The Department of Planning has no objection to City Council Bill #17-0004.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer  
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