




## BALTIMORE HOUSING

CATHERINE PUGH  
Mayor

MICHAEL BRAVERMAN  
Acting Executive Director, HABC  
Acting Commissioner, HCD

# MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner 

Date: May 15, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0054 - Franchise – Bridgeway over Centre Street**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0054, for the purpose of granting a franchise to MD-601 N. Calvert, LLC, to use and maintain an existing elevated bridgeway that is located above and across Centre Street approximately 120 feet east of Calvert Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would reestablish a franchise agreement with MD-601 N. Calvert, LLC, the new owner of the property that was previously owned by the Baltimore Sun Company. The original Franchise agreement with The Baltimore Sun Company expired in 2015, however the Franchise fee continued to be paid based on Ordinance 599 that was passed in 1990. The new property owner would like to reestablish the franchise for an additional 25 years.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0054.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

