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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0573		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young  
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **Support**  
RE: Council Bill – 20-0573

DATE: 11/9/20

**INTRODUCTION** – Franchise - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to install, operate, and maintain electric vehicle charging stations on City right-of-way and Park Properties, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 20-0573 looks to establish a franchise agreement between the City of Baltimore and Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE), for the purpose of allowing BGE to install public electronic vehicle charging stations (EVCSs) on city-owned property – and eventually – city-owned public right-of-way.

In 2019, a multi-agency Baltimore City Electronic Vehicle Work Group was established. The Electronic Vehicle Work Group meets monthly and consists of representatives from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, The Baltimore City Parking Authority, The Baltimore City Department of Planning and the Baltimore City Law Department. The Electronic Vehicle Work Group worked collaboratively to craft and execute a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BGE and Baltimore City to allow for the installation of these EVCSs. A copy of the ratified MOU is available on legistar.

The MOU mandates the equitable distribution of EVCSs throughout Baltimore City. It also makes clear the relationship in this endeavor - defining responsibilities and ensuring a smooth partnership between the City of Baltimore and BGE. The Electronic Vehicle Work Group is actively working with BGE to identify City-owned off-street parking sites for installation of BGE’s EVCSs in the very near future, likely around the beginning of calendar year 2021. Pending the legislation’s approval, the Electronic Work Group plans to work with BGE to identify on-street parking locations for EVCS installations.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 20-0573. So long as the power source is not tied to fossil fuels, electric vehicles have the benefit of reducing both air pollution and carbon emissions when compared to vehicles that utilize gasoline for fuel. Additionally, the City of Baltimore has broad excise tax powers so there is the potential for public charging stations to serve as a new source of revenue for Baltimore City in the future. For these reasons, the Department of Transportation has **supports** Council Bill 20-0573. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at [Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey  
Director