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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0427		

TO DATE: October 20, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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Room 400 – City Hall

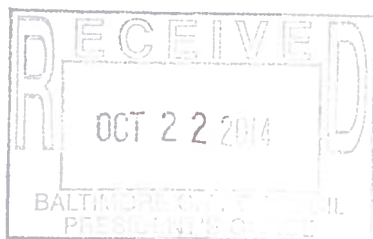
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0427 introduced by the Council President and Councilman Curran on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of this Bill is to grant a franchise to Morgan State University to construct, use, and maintain (1) a private pedestrian bridgeway above and across the 4100 block of Hillen Road right-of-way and (2) the bridgeway foundation and supporting columns in and below the Hillen Road right-of-way, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Morgan State University is constructing a new multi-story Business and Management Center (BMC) on the west side of Hillen Road near the intersection with Argonne Drive. The approximately 140,000 square foot building will include classrooms, computer laboratories, meeting spaces and faculty and staff offices. The BMC is the first of three buildings and a parking garage that are planned for the West Campus.

The University proposes to construct, maintain, and use a private pedestrian bridgeway to enable the safe and convenient travel of students, faculty, staff and visitors between the Main Campus and the West Campus. Portions of this pedestrian bridgeway would span above and across the public right-of-way in the 4100 block of Hillen Road, and the foundation and supporting columns would be in the right-of-way.

This franchise agreement, if approved, would grant a franchise or right to Morgan State University, its tenants, and successors, allowing for the construction of the proposed pedestrian bridgeway. The bridgeway will be approximately 132 feet long by 16 feet wide by 15 feet high and will connect the west side and east side of Hillen Road by crossing the Hillen Road right-of-way within an aerial easement. The aerial easement shall contain approximately 2,369 square feet in plane or 0.054 acres, more or less. It shall be approximately 132 feet long by 18 feet wide by 12 feet high and shall be 14 feet 9 inches above street level at its lowest point.



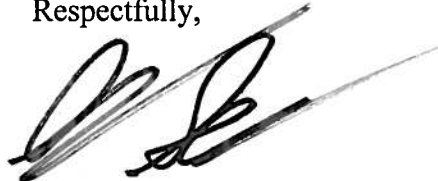
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The franchise is also granted to the University to construct, use and maintain a foundation to support the pedestrian bridgeway consisting of caissons, columns, and a grade beam, a portion of which will project into and below the median in the right-of-way of Hillen Road. This easement shall be approximately 18 feet wide by 32 feet long by 14 feet 9 inches high and shall connect to the ground level in the median of Hillen Road. It shall contain approximately 584 square feet in plane, or 0.013 acres, more or less. Directly below the columns there are two caissons with a grade beam between them.

In accordance with the Minor Privilege Schedule of Charges and Regulations as established and set by the Board of Estimates, an annual franchise fee of \$25,660.80 is recommended for this encroachment in the public right-of-way.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0427.

Respectfully,

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STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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