


FROM	NAME & TITLE	DOUGLAS B. McCOACH III, DIRECTOR <i>DBM/for D. McC III</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0114/FRANCHISE – PRIVATE PRODUCT RECOVERY SYSTEM PIPELINE UNDER AND ACROSS A PORTION OF THE BOSTON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY		

TO

DATE:

June 16, 2008

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

At its regular meeting of June 12, 2008 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0114, which is for the purpose of granting a franchise to ExxonMobil, to construct, use, and maintain a private product recovery system pipeline under and across a portion of the Boston Street right-of-way, connecting facilities located on the properties known as 4200 Boston Street and 1610 South Newkirk Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations ; and providing for a special effective date

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #08-0114 and adopted the following resolution, six members being present (six in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0114 be passed by the City Council.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at 410-396-8337.

DBM/GWC/ttl

Attachments

cc:

- Mr. Andy Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Mayor's Office
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Commission Representative
- Mr. Donald Small, Zoning Enforcement
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
- Ms. Deepa Bhattacharyya, Law Department
- Ms. Jennifer Coates, Councilmanic
- Mr. Paul Barnes, DPW Services
- Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

June 12, 2008

REQUEST: City Council Bill # 08-0114 / Franchise – Private Product Recovery System Pipeline Under and Across a Portion of the Boston Street Right-of-Way

For the purpose of granting a franchise to ExxonMobil to construct, use, and maintain a private product recovery system pipeline under and across a portion of the Boston Street right-of-way, connecting facilities located on the properties known as 4200 Boston Street and 1610 South Newkirk Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of Public Works.

STAFF: Melvin Hicks

PETITIONER: ExxonMobil

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The City right-of-way affected by City Council Bill #08-0114 is located under and across the 4200 block of Boston Street.

General Area: The affected right-of-way lies within the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan. The area is primarily industrial and warehouse uses. The area is zoned M-3.

HISTORY

- Ordinance # 90-637, approved June 20, 1990, established the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan
- Ordinance # 00-129, October 25, 2000, is amendment #1 to the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan
- Ordinance # 01-234, August 13, 2001, is amendment #2 to the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

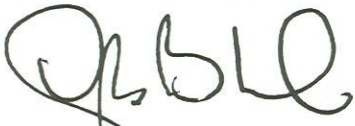
This project is in conformance with the Baltimore City Comprehensive Master Plan with respect to Play Goal #3, Objective 2: Protect and Enhance Baltimore's Natural Habitat and Environmental Resources.

ANALYSIS

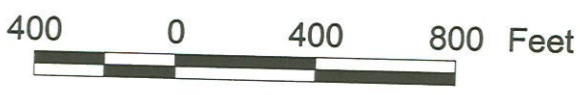
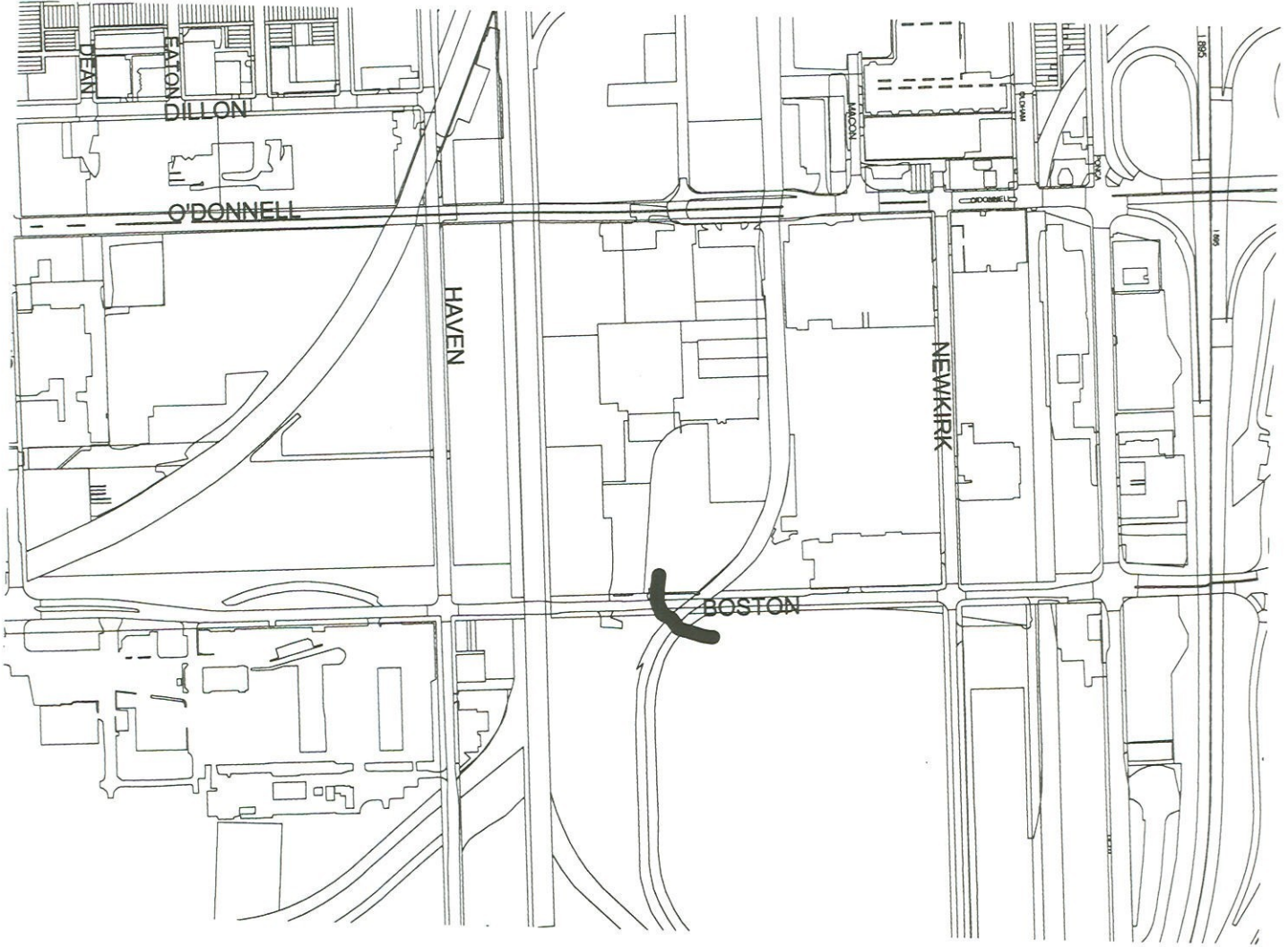
Within the 4200 Boston Street, ExxonMobil owns a former gasoline refinery and a bulk storage terminal that is currently inactive. The company plans on installing several recovery wells on their property to assist with the recovery of their gasoline product.

The purpose of this Bill is to grant a franchise to ExxonMobil to utilize a portion of subterranean area under Boston Street to connect from their recovery wells to a storage tank. At this time, there is a storage tank that is located across from the ExxonMobil site at 1610 South Newkirk Street. ExxonMobil has an access agreement to this site. The company plans to connect the recovery wells at their site (4200 Boston Street) to the storage tanks (1610 South Newkirk Street) via an underground pipeline. It is in ExxonMobil operation plans to periodically empty the storage tanks by tanker truck and the collected gasoline product will be recycled.

The proposed connection between these sites will require a portion of the product recovery pipeline to be located in and begin approximately 4 feet below the surface of Boston Street right-of-way. The pipeline will be installed by using horizontal directional drilling techniques under the right-of-way from entry and exit trenches located on the Boston and South Newkirk Street properties. It is staff findings that the underground connection will not adversely affect the Boston Street right-of-way and the use of the street by the public.



Douglas B. McCoach, III,
Director



City Council Bill #08-0114 Franchise-Private Product Recovery System Pipeline Under and Across A Portion of The Boston Street Right-Of-Way

Planning Commission
June 12, 2008