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Honorable President and Members of the City Council of Baltimore Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle Executive Secretary

> Re: City Council Bill No. 10-0480 - Fort Avenue Bridge -Reconstruction, Repair, and Maintenance

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 10-0480. City Council Bill 480 amends certain laws governing the Fort Avenue railroad bridge and ratifies a new agreement between the City and CSX Transportation for the construction and ownership of the bridge. The bill is necessary to comply with the terms of an agreement between the City and CSXT to reconstruct and share in the cost of reconstructing the Fort Avenue Bridge over the CSXT tracks. Upon completion and acceptance of the project, the City will assume ownership of the bridge.

The Law Department approves the City Council Bill 10-0480 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro Chief Solicitor

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cc: Honorable Bernard C. Young Angela Gibson George Nilson, City Solicitor Ashlea Brown Hilary Ruley Terese Brown



