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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 16-0645			

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

April 25, 2016

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0645 Supplemental Conduit Enterprise Fund Capital Appropriation – Department of Transportation - \$20,000,000 for the purpose of providing a Supplementary Conduit Enterprise Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000,000 to the department of Transportation (Account # 9962-941002-9563), to providing funding for additional maintenance of the conduit system; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this bill. In September, 2015 the Board of Estimates increased the fee for occupants of the conduit system, effective November 1, 2015, from \$0.9785 to \$3.33 per linear foot. The Fiscal 2016 budget was approved prior to the rate increase resulting in a level of appropriation that is too low for invoiced revenue that will be received and the amount of work that needs to be done. The increased funds will be used to support an increase in maintenance activities, from 3% to 15% annually.

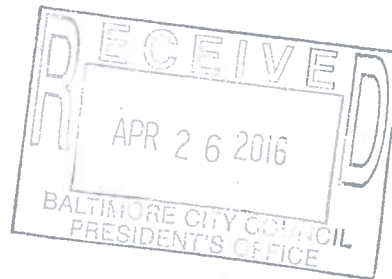
Revenues collected from the conduit fee are dedicated to an enterprise fund that can only be used for operations and maintenance of the conduit system. It cannot be used to expand the system, nor for non-conduit related purposes.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



William M. Johnson
Director



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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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