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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0076R		

TO: Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: April 24, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 18-0076R - Investigative Hearing – Physical Status of the Municipal Conduit System

INTRODUCTION – For the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Transportation and its Conduit Section Engineering group to appear before the City Council to discuss the physical condition of the Municipal Conduit System, its current reach, maintenance plans, and any plans to expand the system.

PURPOSE/PLANS – This resolution, as written, is to ensure that the conduit system that is owned and operated by Baltimore City is better understood by the Baltimore City Council. Furthermore, this resolution is ensure that the conduit system is being used to its maximum potential, and to discuss expansion of services, or improvements necessary to increase the functionality of the conduit infrastructure.

BRIEF HISTORY – Baltimore's Municipal Conduit System is a significant, but often poorly understood asset for the City. Its more than over 26 million linear feet of duct and 12,000 manholes, telephone, and fiber optic lines to homes and businesses throughout the city, allowing private companies access to customers that would otherwise be all but impossible.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation strongly supports improving City wide infrastructure on every level. We believe that educating the Baltimore City Council on the current uses of the Municipal Conduit System, as well as discussing its capacity and potential to expand, will be beneficial for both parties.

The Department of Transportation **supports** City Council Bill 18-0076R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katelyn McCauley at Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov, (443) 677-9391.

Sincerely,

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