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DATE: July 29, 2019

TO: Land and Use Transportation Committee

FROM: Department of Real Estate

POSITION: Support

RE: Council Bill 19-0342

INTRODUCTION: An Ordinance concerning Franchise Agreement – Central Light Rail

I am herein reporting on City Council 19-0342 introduced by The Administration (Department of Transportation).

PURPOSE:

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland, to use and maintain the existing Central Light Rail System, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, in accordance with a plat prepared by the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland, dated May 9, 1990, and filed in the office of the Department of Transportation of Baltimore City, subject to certain terms, condition, and reservations; and providing for special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY:

City Council Bill 19-0342 will extend the franchise agreement under which the MTA is allowed by the City of Baltimore to locate rail transit facilities on, below and above city streets.

FISCAL IMPACT – How is this going to affect your (department/agency) budget? OR how much revenue will this generate for your (department/agency) or the City.

Please briefly describe the fiscal impact of the proposed bill. IF APPLICABLE

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION:

The Department of Real Estate supports the passage of Council Bill 19-0342 which will allow important transit services which are so vital to the movement of the residents and visitors in and around the City of Baltimore.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Walter J. Horton at, Real Estate Officer 410-396-4768.

Sincerely,

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