



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: July 9, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0342: Franchise – Central Light Rail**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0342, 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, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would renew the MTA’s right to use and maintain the Baltimore Light Rail for a period of 25 years.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0342.

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Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor’s Office of Governmental Relations*
Mr. David H. Framm, *Department of Transportation*
Mr. Eric Tiso, *Department of Planning*