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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0406	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Support
RE: Council Bill – 19-0406

DATE: 10/10/19

INTRODUCTION – Franchise - Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of granting a franchise to Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a Delaware general partnership, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 19-0406 looks to formalize a franchise agreement between the City of Baltimore and Cellco Partnership. The franchise agreement would allow for Cellco Partnership to use city right-of-way and park properties to build out their wireless network. Under the franchise agreement, Cellco Partnership would be permitted to attach wireless antennas to city-owned poles, which is expected to result in faster and more reliable wireless phone and internet service across the City of Baltimore.

This bill is expected to have a moderate impact on the Department of Transportation, in particular the agency's Right of Way Division and Conduit Division. Facilities associated with this franchise agreement to be installed within Baltimore City's municipal conduit network would likely result in increased revenue for the system's enterprise fund.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation **supports** City Council Bill 19-0406.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis via email at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 545-3207.

Sincerely,



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Director