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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0123 Franchise - Underground Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable		

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**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

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**Position: Does not Oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0123 – Franchise - Underground Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable, the purpose of which is to grant a franchise to the State of Maryland (Maryland Transit Administration) to construct, use, and maintain an underground conduit and fiber optic cable, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and provide for a special effective date.

**Background**

The proposed legislation seeks to grant a franchise to the State of Maryland – Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to provide 6000 Metro Drive with a new conduit path to MTA infrastructure along the west side of Metro Drive.

The legislation contains a franchise fee, which is set by the Board of Estimates (BOE). The Department of Transportation calculates the fee based on their Minor Privilege Schedule, which the BOE takes into consideration when establishing the fee. The fee for this agreement will be determined by the BOE and added to the bill at the second reading of the bill.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Finance expects minimal to no fiscal impact from this legislation.

**Conclusion**

This legislation grants a franchise to the State of Maryland – Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to provide 6000 Metro Drive with a new conduit path to MTA infrastructure along the west side of Metro Drive. Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0123.**

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