

Subject:

Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution No. ______-2025, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent right-of-way and easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC so that AT&T may relocate the existing communication systems on the property shown as Lot 58 on Plat 5561 and described in a Deed to Howard County, Maryland from Celta Corp. recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber 1179, Folio 264; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the right-of-way and easement if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

To:

Brandee Ganz,

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

Yosef Kebede, Director

Department of Public Works

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Date:

September 24, 2025

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to Howard County, Maryland (the "County") granting a right-of-way and easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC ("AT&T") to relocate the existing communication systems (the "Fiber Line") on the property shown as Lot 58 on Plat 5561 (the "Property").

The County is the owner of the Property comprising 1.071 acres of land described in a Deed to Howard County, Maryland from Celta Corp., recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber 1179, Folio 264, and improved with a stormwater management facility known as Brampton Hills Pond.

The County funded Capital Project Number D-1158 (the "Project") for the construction of stormwater management improvements, drainage improvements, and stream restoration and stabilization improvements and the appurtenances thereto, and other public utilities and services needed to serve the citizens of Howard County, Maryland.

The Brampton Hills Pond located at 4715 Widdup Court, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland is being modified to accommodate removal of a significant hazard dam. The AT&T Fiber Line currently runs directly through the pond embankment and outfall area. The Maryland Department of Environment Dam Safety has required the proposed relocation as part of the approval the Project.

The County and AT&T agreed to enter into a Grant of Communication Systems Right-of-Way and Easement for relocating the Fiber Line within the new easement.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc:

Jennifer Sager

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