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REQUESTS: City Council Bill #16-0649/ City Property - Grant of Easements

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Tamara Woods

PETITIONER: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

OWNER: City of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The subject area is along a portion of Dulaney Valley Road in Baltimore County That runs through Loch Raven Reservoir. The easement areas are on Dulaney Valley Road north of Timonium Road.

General Area: The Loch Raven Reservoir is a reservoir that provides drinking water for the City of Baltimore and most of Baltimore County. It is located in north of Interstate 695 in Baltimore County. Loch Raven Reservoir also provides recreational activities for the region, including, hiking, biking, and boating.

ANALYSIS

In February 2016, the City of Baltimore Department of Transportation entered into a Right of Entry agreement with the State Highway Administration (SHA) on behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to execute drainage ditch repairs along Dulaney Valley Road in Baltimore County. This stretch of Dulaney Valley Road runs through Loch Raven Reservoir, a property of the City of Baltimore. As part of the Right of Entry, SHA agreed to pursue an Ordinance for a permanent easement for the installation and maintenance of the drainage structures.

City Council Bill #16-0649 would allow the Comptroller of Baltimore City authorization to grant 3 perpetual easements to the Maryland State Highway Administration for the purpose of maintaining 3 storm water drainage inlets along Dulaney Valley Road, through the property of the Loch Raven Reservoir, in Baltimore County, Maryland. The easement areas for the 3 inlets are 731 square feet, 95 square feet and 1,434 square feet for a combined total easement area of 2,260 square feet.

Posting Waiver:

Planning Staff is requesting that the requirement for posting for the Planning Commission hearing be waived. The locations of the storm drains are in rights-of-way in Baltimore County on City of Baltimore property. In addition, due to the nature and location of the easements identified in the City Council Bill, there would be little to no impact to surrounding area.

Notifications:

In advance of a hearing on this matter, staff notified the following stakeholders: City of Baltimore Department of Transportation, City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, Baltimore County Department of Planning and the State Highway Administration.



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