

Baltimore, September 19, 1927

W. Irvine Cross, Esquire
o/o Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.,
Baltimore and Charles Streets,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Cross:

14393 I have only delayed answering your notes submitted with your letter of July 30th, on the construction of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1910, so that I could carefully consider the very strong argument that you present for your position.

For me to adopt a construction sought for by your client I would have to give some other meaning to this language:

"* * new and additional streets and highways in the City of Baltimore by their lines, pipes, mains or other structures"

than as appears from the face of the language. The language of the statute being clear, there is nothing for the law officer to construe.

I might also reach the result sought for by you by declaring the statute unconstitutional as so construed. That, however, I cannot do.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Charles C. Wallace,
City Solicitor.