

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-0392

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member White

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU, F

**Date of Analysis:** May 11, 2026

**Type of Action:** Agreement execution; Provides for oversight; Emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill approves and authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a Private Sidetrack Agreement between the City and CSX Transportation, Inc. regarding the construction of a City-owned railroad sidetrack adjacent to the Cecil Commerce Center Mega-Site. The Agreement provides that the City will provide funding in the amount of \$1,827,779 to CSX for the construction of the CSX portion of the sidetrack connecting to the CSX mainline, subject to a future City Council appropriation, and sets forth the construction and related requirements attendant to the City's construction of the balance of the sidetrack. The Department of Public Works shall oversee the project, and the bill requests one-cycle emergency passage pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.

**Background Information:** Pursuant to the Capital Improvement Program project entitled Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur, the City authorized the construction of a new rail spur into the 600-acre City-owned Mega Site at Cecil Commerce Center, and the City has received partial funding for the project pursuant to a State of Florida grant in the amount of \$5,500,000. For the City to tie into the CSX mainline, CSX requires the City to enter into a Private Sidetrack Agreement to provide funding to CSX for the construction of CSX's portion of the sidetrack connecting to the mainline, to govern construction requirements for the project, and to address subsequent maintenance and related obligations between the parties. The nature of the emergency is that the City has commenced construction on the project but will be unable to work within CSX right-of-way without the executed Agreement, and the City's contractor would likely have to cease construction and remobilize at additional cost to the City absent one-cycle emergency passage.

**Policy Impact Area:** Economic Development; Public Works; Transportation Infrastructure

**Fiscal Impact:** No additional appropriation required by this bill. The Agreement obligates the City to provide \$1,827,779 to CSX, subject to a future City Council appropriation. The project is funded through the Capital Improvement Program project entitled "Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur," which has received a \$5,500,000 State of Florida grant.

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