
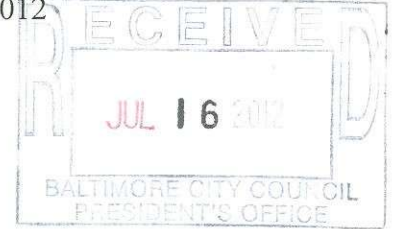


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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 12-0083		

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

DATE:
July 12, 2012



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 12-0083 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property located along the east side of Key Highway, known as 1465 Key Highway, being situate between Fort Avenue and Key Highway East and needed for the Key Highway Shared Use Trail and Landscape Project, as shown on plats RW20-36294 and RW20-36297 filed in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Department of Transportation is in charge of a Key Highway Shared Use Trail and Landscaping Project that is planned to beautify and upgrade portions of Key Highway right-of-way between the I-95 Interchange and the intersection of Key Highway with Key Highway East. These improvements will include a 12-foot wide median with curbs, hardscape and plantings; pedestrian ramps; new street curbs and gutters; modified tree pits; enhanced pavement markings and signs; and ornamental lighting. An important part of this project is a combination bike path and sidewalk along the east side of Key Highway. To accommodate this shared use trail, a retaining wall will be necessary near the Fort Avenue Bridge. These improvements will create a safer pedestrian connection to the adjacent community and the waterfront area, but do require the acquisition of portions of privately held property.

City Council Bill 12-0083, if approved, would allow for needed temporary construction easements and for permanent easements to accommodate the wider sidewalks and retaining walls necessary to execute this improvement project. The easements needed from the property known as 1465 Key Highway (owned by FHK Properties LLC) are as follows:

- A permanent easement following along the easterly side of Key Highway, approximately 2.5 feet wide and for a distance of approximately 50 feet;
- A temporary construction easement adjacent to the easterly side of the permanent easement;
- A permanent slope easement at the northeast corner of E. Fort Avenue and Key Highway and measuring approximately 80 feet by 30 feet; and

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- A temporary construction easement along the easterly side of Key Highway approximately 5 feet wide and extending from the permanent slope easement northerly for a distance of approximately 260 feet.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 12-0083.

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Theodore Atwood
Director

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