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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0198		

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0198 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close Callendar Street, extending from Baltimore Street southerly 137.4 feet, more or less, to Booth Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-45A in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is a biomedical research institution located in Downtown Baltimore having professional schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health, law, social work, and a multi-disciplinary graduate school. UMB is constructing a 10 acre BioPark on the west side of campus by expanding across Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Several buildings have been built or are under construction. A new six-story medical research and office building is planned for the southeast corner of West Baltimore and South Poppleton Streets. However, to provide for the best possible building footprint, UMB would like to close and purchase the bed of Callendar Street, a right-of-way that is located perpendicular to and between West Baltimore and Booth Streets. City Council Bill 08-0198, if approved, would close Callendar Street to public use. The area proposed for closure measures approximately 20 feet wide by 137.4 feet long. Companion legislation would open Callendar Street to public use (City Council Bill 08-0197) and the process would be completed by authorizing its sale (City Council Bill 08-0199). Public utilities are present in this portion of right-of-way proposed for closure, but would be abandoned or relocated at the expense of the developer (Section 3 of the legislation).

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0198.


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