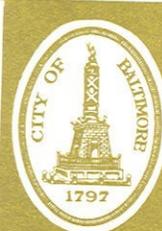


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**TO**

DATE: October 7, 2008

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 08-0201 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of Baltimore Street, contiguous to the south side thereof and extending from Freemont Avenue, westerly 247 feet, more or less, and no longer needed for public use.

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 building at 801 West Baltimore Street that is under construction is located at southwest corner of West Baltimore Street and Fremont Avenue. After construction began it was found that the exterior wall of the building was encroaching approximately 1.5 feet into the West Baltimore Street right-of-way, along the entire length of the structure. Companion City Council Bill 08-0200 would close an approximately 2 foot wide by 247 foot long portion of the south side of the West Baltimore Street right-of-way to accommodate this construction error. City Council Bill 08-0201 would authorize the sale of this portion of former right-of-way. No public utilities would be affected by the proposed closure or sale, and an approximately 11 foot wide portion of sidewalk area would remain in public use.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0201 provided this portion of right-of-way is approved for closure under City Council Bill 08-0200.

  
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