



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Khalil Zaied, Acting Director, Department of Public Works <i>Khalil Zaied</i>
DATE	September 8, 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0565 City Streets - Closing - Subterranean Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Westwood Avenue, North Mount Street, Presstman Street, and Appleton Street

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

DATE: September 8, 2024

Position: Favorable

SUMMARY OF POSITION

Baltimore City Council Bill 24-0565 City Streets - Closing - Subterranean Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Westwood Avenue, North Mount Street, Presstman Street, and Appleton Street For the purpose of condemning and closing subterranean portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by Westwood Avenue, North Mount Street, Presstman Street, and Appleton Street, as shown on a plat numbered 316-C-4A, Sheets 1 through 5, dated September 26, 2023, prepared by Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, and filed in the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill aims to authorize the closing or condemning of subterranean portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by Westwood North Mount Street, Presstman Street, and Appleton Street, as shown on Plat 316-C-4A, Sheets 1 through 5, dated September 26, 2023, prepared by Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, and filed with the Department of Transportation. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed this legislation and does not oppose the closing or condemning of these streets, which would allow the City and Council to transfer them to Amtrak for use in the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. We look forward to a collaborative effort with the Department of Transportation and the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Managers to ensure minimal impact, if any, on our subterranean infrastructure during the construction phase of this project.

The Department of Public Works recommends a favorable report on City Bill 24-0565.

