



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Khalil Zaied, Acting Director, Department of Public Works <i>Khalil Zaied</i>
<b>DATE</b>	September 8, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>City Council Bill 24-0563</b> City Streets - Closing - Subterranean Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Ave and Mt. Royal Terrace.

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

DATE: September 8, 2024

**Position: Favorable**

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

The Department of Public Works has assessed City Council Bill 24-0563 City Streets - Closing - Subterranean Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace For the purpose of condemning and closing subterranean portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace as shown on plat number 316-C-3A Sheets 1 through 5 and dated June 8, 2023, prepared by Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP and filed in the City of Baltimore Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this legislation will permit the closure of certain subterranean rights-of-way, this will facilitate the transfer of said rights-of-way from the City of Baltimore to Amtrak, which will be utilized in the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. This bill is part of a series of bills that close and transfer rights-of-way to be used by the proposed tunnel, allowing Amtrak to operate the tunnel in perpetuity.

The Department of Public Works is committed to a close and collaborative partnership with the Department of Transportation and the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. Our primary

objective is to ensure that our subterranean infrastructure remains unaffected and undisturbed throughout the duration of this project.

The Department of Public Works recommends a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0563.