




CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
<b>DATE</b>	April 30, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>23-0392 Sale of Property - A Portion of Boston Street</b>

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

4/30/24

**Position: Favorable**

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0392 Sale of Property - A Portion of Boston Street for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is known as the former bed of a portion of Boston Street, bounded by the east side of Haven Street, the southernmost property line of 1201 South Haven, LLC, the west side of Canton Railroad Right-of-Way, and the north side of Boston Street, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, either publicly or privately, all its interest in the property that is known as the former bed of a portion of Boston Street. If approved, this ordinance would become effective the day it is enacted.

DHCD Analysis

The sale of the property that is known as the former bed of a portion of Boston Street would allow for the redevelopment of the adjacent parcel with new commercial investment. The closure will also align the northern edge of the Boston Street right-of-way with adjacent blocks to the east and west.

DHCD supports the Administration's disposition of the property as the site is no longer needed for public use. The property is not located within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones, or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas. The sale of this

property may bring new commercial and economic opportunities to the communities of Southeast Baltimore.

## Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 23-0392.