



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: March 4, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0036 City Streets – Closing – A Portion of Monroe Street

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0036, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Monroe Street, contiguous to the southwest side thereof and extending from Reisterstown Road, southeasterly 253.5 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 346-A-60A in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

This portion of Monroe Street would be closed and sold (City Council Bill 08-0036) in order to facilitate the \$70 million redevelopment of the Mondawmin Mall. The redevelopment will add hundreds of thousands of square feet of new retail shopping, remodel existing space and reconfigure and improve parking, outdoor lighting and traffic flow. The mall intends to add a national-brand large format retail store, a new grocery store, a medium-format retail store and sit-down restaurants.

The construction of new retail and supermarket facilities will displace existing parking lots at the site. The closed portion of Monroe Street would, in turn, provide additional land for the expansion of the Park & Ride lot of the Mondawmin Mall Transit Station. The expanded lot not only compliments the redevelopment of the mall but also promotes wider use of the mass transit system.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0036.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Mr. Demaune Millard

