



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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<b>DATE</b>	September 5, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	OECR Report on Baltimore City Council Bill 24-0567 Sale of Property - Subterranean Portions of Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of North Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue

**OECR POSITION: Defer Recommendation to Baltimore City Department of  
Transportation**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

The Office of Equity & Civil Rights (OECR) has reviewed and is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0567 – *Sale of Property - Subterranean Portions of Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of North Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue*. This is a bill that would sell a portion of subterranean Baltimore City property to Amtrak for the development of the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Project. The bill enables the Mayor and City Council to divest their interests in the property by way of sale through the authority of the Comptroller, as outlined by Article V, Section 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter.

**CONCLUSION**

The Office of Equity & Civil Rights has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0567 and **defers its recommendation** on the legislation to that of the Department of Transportation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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