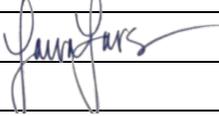




CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 
<b>DATE</b>	September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	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

**Position: Does Not Oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0567, Sale of Property - 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 parcels of land known as subterranean portions of streets and alleys bounded by portions of N. Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue, as shown on Plat 316-C-4B, Sheets 1 through 5, and filed with the Department of Transportation, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Background**

This ordinance will sell certain subterranean rights-of-way. This action will facilitate the transfer of the referenced rights-of-way from Baltimore City to Amtrak, which will in turn allow for their use in the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. This Bill is part of a series of Bills that close and transfer the right-of-way to be used by the proposed tunnel, thereby allowing Amtrak to operate the tunnel in perpetuity.

**Fiscal Impact Analysis**

The Department of Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

**Conclusion**

The purpose of these bills is to allow for the subterranean development of a new Amtrak tunnel through the City, known as the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0567.**

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