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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0361</b>		

**TO**

DATE: August 7, 2009

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0361 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize 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 the beds of two portions of Penn Street and no longer needed for public use.

The University of Maryland Medical Center operates the highly regarded R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center located at Penn Street, just north of Lombard Street. The Shock Trauma Center not only treats some of the most challenging patients, it also serves as a major training and research center in the trauma field. Due to the increasing demand for care, the Medical Center would like to add 10 operating rooms, additional beds and other program space, and increase the size of the rooftop helipad. In order to accommodate these needs, the Medical Center will construct a 7-story expansion on property currently occupied by a one-story brick structure. The design of the facility will also require extending the new structure into the Penn Street right-of-way, beginning at an 18-foot height above grade. Air rights already granted to the Medical Center in 1988 along this block of Penn Street will also need to be extended to accommodate the expanded helipad rooftop site. Both of these needed rights-of-way encroachments require closure of air rights under companion City Council Bill 09-0360. City Council Bill 09-0361, if approved, would authorize the sale of these closed air rights, as described below:

- An approximately 24 foot by 346.42 foot by 9 foot by 239.09 foot by 15 foot by 107.33 foot former portion of Penn Street right-of-way, east side, beginning approximately 18 feet above grade and extending to an unlimited height; and
- An approximately 15 foot wide by 239.09 foot long former portion of Penn Street right-of-way, east side, beginning approximately 18 feet above grade and extending to 150 feet above grade.

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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0361 provided the companion closure ordinance is approved.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E. Scott, P.E.", is written over the printed name.

David E. Scott, P.E.  
Director

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