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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 15-0535

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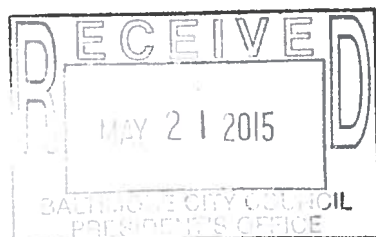
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0535 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

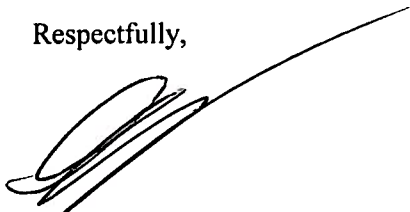
The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close Worcester Street, extending from CSX Transportation Railroad Right-of-way southeasterly 301.6 feet, more or less, toward Ridgely Street, as shown on Plat 214-A-14A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 15-0535 would close an approximately 66-foot wide by 301-foot long portion of Worcester Street, beginning at the property line between 1822 and 1820 Worcester Street and extending westerly to its terminus at the CSX railroad right-of-way. The portion of Worcester Street proposed for closure is located in the Carroll-Camden Industrial Area. The requestor, 1400 Hull Street LLC, owns various properties on either side of Worcester Street that are adjacent to the proposed closure. The requestor has an existing contracting business and would like to close and purchase the proposed portion of Worcester Street, incorporate it into its properties and use the area to provide parking for its business. The Mayor and City Council own a parcel adjacent to Worcester Street (Lot 1A) which the requestor is in the process of purchasing. The property known as 1450 Ridgely Street touches upon the closed portion, but the business located there uses Ridgely Street to access their property. Companion legislation, City Council Bill 15-0536, would authorize the sale of the closed portion of street bed. Worcester Street does have City-owned utilities located in its right-of-way, but only a small portion of a 6-inch cast iron water main would be in the area proposed for closure. Sections 3, 4 and 6 of City Council Bill 15-0535 protects the City-owned utilities that are not to be abandoned or relocated.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0535.



Respectfully,


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DIRECTOR

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