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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0234		

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TO

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 08-0234 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and open Diamond Street, extending from Fayette Street, northerly 195.2 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 347-A-63 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is developing graduate student housing on properties adjacent to and on either side of the 100 block of Diamond Street. UMB would like to close and purchase Diamond Street, from West Fayette Street to the south property line of 121 North Greene Street (south of Shad Alley), to provide control of and safe access to the newly constructed and renovated graduate student housing structures. Diamond Street would still be accessible by the public from West Lexington Street to Shad Alley. Shad Alley would continue to provide public access to Diamond Street, from the end of the proposed closed portion of Diamond Street, west to Greene Street.

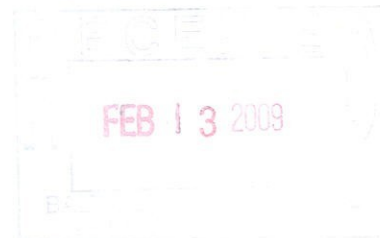
City Council Bill 08-0234 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0235 and 08-0236), if approved, would open and close a portion of Diamond Street to public use and authorize its sale. The portion of right-of-way proposed to be condemned and opened is located perpendicular to West Fayette Street and measures approximately 20 feet by 195.2 feet by 20 feet by 24 feet by 10 feet by 110 feet by 10 feet by 61.2 feet.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0234.



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