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TO

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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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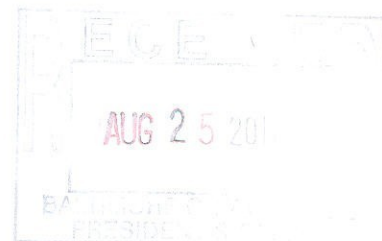
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0748 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close certain streets and alleys bounded by Ashland Avenue, Chester Street, Eager Street, and Patterson Park Avenue and lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 348-A-89A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East was originally approved by Ordinance 79-1202 and was last amended by Ordinance 05-124. This urban renewal area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, and an elementary school. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. The East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) is planning to develop a roughly seven acre site just east of the New East Baltimore Community Planned Unit Development for the East Baltimore Community School within the Urban Renewal Area. The school operates at a temporary location at Washington and Chase Streets and reserves up to 70% of its slots for children of families that lived within EBDI boundaries. The new location for the school will be a facility that is co-branded with Johns Hopkins University and will also include professional development and family support centers, a health clinic, after school programming, and a fitness center.

The development parcel for the school requires the opening, closing and incorporation of several alley and street beds. City Council Bill 11-0748 and companion legislation (City Council Bill 11-0747), if approved, will allow for the opening and closing of necessary streets and alleys for consolidation and development. Additional legislation (City Council Bills 11-0749, 11-0750 and 11-0751) will open, close and sell a portion of Eager Street right-of-way to public use that is needed for the development parcel as well. The rights-of-way proposed to be closed are as follows:

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- An approximately 66-foot wide by 433.3-foot long portion of North Collington Avenue located perpendicular to and between Ashland Avenue and East Eager Street;
- An approximately 20-foot wide by 433.3-foot long portion of North Duncan Street located perpendicular to and between Ashland Avenue and East Eager Street;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 348-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between Ashland Avenue and a 3-foot wide alley, and to the rear of the properties known as 901/903 through 957 North Chester Street;
- An approximately 9-foot wide by 252-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between a 10-foot alley and a 13-foot alley, and to the rear of the properties known as 914 through 970 North Collington Avenue;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 58-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Chester Street and a 10-foot alley;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 123-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Collington Avenue and North Duncan Street;
- An approximately 13-foot wide by 55-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Duncan Street and a 9-foot alley;
- An approximately 3-foot wide by 84.5 foot long alley located perpendicular to East Eager Street and ending at a 10-foot alley;
- An approximately 3-foot wide by 60-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Duncan Street and a 3-foot alley;
- An approximately 3-foot wide by 60-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Duncan Street and a 3-foot alley;
- An approximately 3-foot wide by 55-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Duncan Street and a 10-foot alley;
- An approximately 3-foot wide by 93-foot long alley located perpendicular to East Eager Street and terminating to the rear of the property known as 951 North Duncan Street;
- An approximately 40-foot wide by 301-foot long portion of North Madeira Street located perpendicular to and between Ashland Avenue and East Eager Street;



- An approximately 40-foot wide by 111.8-foot long portion of East Eager Street located perpendicular to a 10-foot alley and ending adjacent to North Madeira Street;
- A varying-in-width alley beginning perpendicular to Ashland Avenue and extending northerly to a 10-foot alley, and measuring approximately 10 feet by 303.9 feet by 19.6 feet by 11.7 feet by 10 feet by 14.1 feet by 320.8 feet;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 87-foot long alley located perpendicular to East Eager Street and extending south to a varying-in-width alley;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 72-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Madeira Street and a varying-in-width alley;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 72-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Madeira Street and a 10-foot alley;
- An approximately 10-foot wide by 65-foot long alley located perpendicular to and between a varying-in-width alley and a 10-foot alley; and
- A varying-in-width alley located between East Eager Street and another varying-in-width alley, and adjacent to the northern property line of the property known as 936 North Madeira Street.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0748.



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