

CITY OF BALTIMORE MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Khalil Zaied, Acting Director, Department of Public Works Khalil Zaied
DATE	September 8, 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0564 Sale of Property - Subterranean portions of Streets and Alleys bounded by portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace

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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400

Position: Favorable

SUMMARY OF POSITION

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This bill, if enacted, seeks to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, either publicly or privately, all their interests in specific parcels of land. These parcels, known as the subterranean portions of streets and alleys, are bounded by Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace, as shown on Plat 306-C-3B, Sheets 1-5, filed with the Department of Transportation. These areas are no longer needed for public use and will be utilized by Amtrak for the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

The Department of Public Works is committed to a close and collaborative partnership with the Department of Transportation and the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. Our primary objective is to ensure that our subterranean infrastructure remains unaffected or is minimally impacted throughout the duration of this project.

The Department of Public Works recommends a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0564.