



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 <i>Khalil Zaied</i>
DATE	September 8, 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0566 City Streets - Opening - Subterranean Portions of North Monroe Street, McKean Avenue, and a 10-Foot Alle

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

DATE: September 8, 2024

Position: Favorable

SUMMARY OF POSITION

Baltimore City Department of Public Works has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0565 City Streets - Opening - Subterranean Portions of North Monroe Street, McKean Avenue, and a 10-Foot Alley For the purpose of condemning and opening subterranean portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by Westwood Avenue, Presstman Street, McKean Avenue, and Appleton Street as shown on plat numbered 316-C-4, Sheets 1 through 3 dated September 26, 2023 prepared by Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Public Works acknowledges the necessity of opening certain streets and alleys to grant subterranean right-of-way to Amtrak for the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. This bill is part of a series of legislative measures that will enable the program’s implementation and allow Amtrak to operate the tunnel in perpetuity.

We support the Administration’s efforts to provide Baltimore City residents with appropriate transportation solutions. We are committed to working closely with the Department of Transportation and the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program Managers to ensure minimal, if any, impact on the Department of Public Works’ subterranean infrastructure.

The Department of Public Works endorses a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0566.