



**CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT**

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation (BCDOT)
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	August 25, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0084 • City Streets – Closing – A 6 Foot Portion of West Saratoga Street and an Alley 10.67 Feet Wide, Bounded By Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) currently owns the abutting properties separated by the portion of right-of-way to be closed. At this point, all properties on the block are owned by the State of Maryland through UMB. Once closed, the parcels will likely be sold to UMB and used to consolidate the block into one property. UMB is likely to improve the consolidate property for use as one or more playing fields in the short term, while larger-scale development is possible longer-term. The proposed ordinances would allow for the closing and sale of the parcels highlighted red on the included graphic. The City will retain an easement for utilities which are not abandoned or relocated within the footprint of the closure. The developer will pay all costs and expenses in connection with this matter.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Department foresees no impact resulting from the closure and respectfully requests a favorable report on Council Bill 25-0084.