

CITY OF BALTIMORE





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July 9, 2015

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary City Hall, Room 400

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is pleased to report on City Council Bill #15-0502 / Sale of Property / NS Worcester Street 417 – 410 NW Ridgely Street, which authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at public or private sale, all its interest in the property referenced in the bill's title (Block 833, Lot 001A), with a special effective date.

The subject property is located in the Carroll – Camden Industrial Area, southeast of Carroll Park, southwest of M&T Bank Stadium, and northwest of the Middle Branch. The subject parcel is an unimproved lot, consisting of 0.0224 acres and zoned M-2-3. The owner of the adjacent lots, 1400 Hull Street LLC, is interested in purchasing this lot and plans to use it for parking and storage for Len The Plumber, lnc., located at 1552 Ridgely Street.

A review of the City's utility records shows that no utilities or other interests would be impacted by the sale of the property. Moreover, upon the sale of this parcel to the petitioner, the subject portion of the 1800 block of Worcester Street would not needed to provide access to adjacent properties since all of the properties will be under the same ownership. Thus, the subject portion of the 1800 block of Worcester Street would no longer be needed for a public purpose and can be closed with the right-of-way being declared surplus property and sold.

Based on these findings, DOT recommends a favorable report of City Council Bill #15-0502.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

Respectfully,

William M. Johnson

Director

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