

CITY OF BALTIMORE MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

ТО	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	April 23, 2025
SUBJECT	DOT 25-0049 • Release of Access Easement – Vehicular Access to U.S. Route 40 through 6709 Pulaski Highway

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

Council Bill 25-0049 would release an Easement located in the property known as 6709 Pulaski Highway. The Easement is generally described as a 30-foot-wide parcel extending from Pulaski Highway on the north to the southern boundary of the Property along the entire eastern boundary of the Property. The Easement connects Pulaski Highway to an undeveloped City-Owned parcel behind the property.

The Easement was originally granted as part of an agreement dated October 7, 2011, when the City sold the Property to WH-Pulaski, LLC., for just over \$1M. The Property was previously the site of the Pulaski Incinerator. The Property is now owned by 6709 Pulaski, LLC., and is in use as in industrial warehouse.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

This Easement cannot be practically used by the City, and so its release is recommended. First and foremost, the City would have to acquire the right to cross the railroad tracks between the Property and the City-owned Parcel by the railroad owner. Furthermore, the cost of grading and building a road on the Easement would be prohibitively high. For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests a <u>favorable</u> bill report.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department projects no fiscal impacts as a result of the proposed legislation.