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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0296		

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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0296 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close Oakhill Avenue, extending from 20th Street, northerly 90.0 feet, more or less, to the south side of a 15-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 800 through 928 East 20th Street, as shown on Plat 190-A-27 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

Blazing Star Pentecostal Church of Christ owns the unimproved property known as 800 East 20th Street as well as the property known as 900 East 20th Street. A portion of Oakhill Avenue is located between the 800 and 900 East 20th Street properties. This portion of street bed is located perpendicular to and between East 20th Street and a 15-foot alley, where it terminates. Blazing Star Pentecostal Church would like to close this approximately 58 foot wide by 90 foot long portion of right-of-way to public use and consolidate the street bed with its adjacent properties. Blazing Star Pentecostal Church plans to build a new church on its East 20th Street properties, using the former street bed as part of the surface parking lot for their parishioners. Any City-owned utilities located in this portion of Oakhill Avenue that are not to be abandoned or relocated are protected under Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0296.


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