

**Introduced by:** The Council President  
**At the request of:** The Administration (Department of Transportation)

**Prepared by:** Department of Legislative Reference **Date:** March 15, 2017

**Referred to:** HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 17-0035

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**City Streets – Closing –  
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Article I - General Provisions  
Section 4  
and  
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Sections 2, 34, 35  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

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**Agencies**

Baltimore City Public School System

Baltimore Development Corporation

City Solicitor

Comptroller's Office

Department of Audits

Department of Finance

Department of General Services

Department of Housing and Community Development

Department of Human Resources

Department of Planning

Other:

Other:

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Department of Public Works

Department of Real Estate

Department of Recreation and Parks

Department of Transportation

Fire Department

Health Department

Mayor's Office of Employment Development

Mayor's Office of Human Services

Mayor's Office of Information Technology

Office of the Mayor

Police Department

Other:

Other:

Board of Estimates

Board of Ethics

Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation

Commission on Sustainability

Employees' Retirement System

Other:

Other:

Other:

Environmental Control Board

Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System

Labor Commissioner

Parking Authority Board

Planning Commission

Wage Commission

Other:

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**Boards and Commissions**



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **17-023**  
Council Bill 17-0035

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 15, 2017

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33       **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
34   enacted.



Council Bill 17-0035

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of JUN 05, 2017

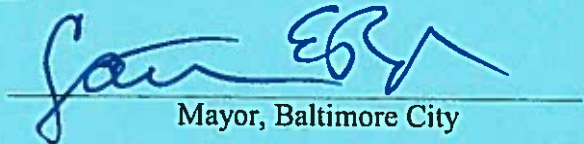
  
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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of JUN 05 2017


  
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Chief Clerk

Approved this 13 day of June, 2017

  
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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2017

  
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Chief Solicitor

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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Housing And Urban Affairs Committee**  
**VOTING RECORD**

DATE: 9-11-17

BILL#CC: 17- 0035 BILL TITLE: Ordinance – City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street

MOTION BY: Henry SECONDED BY: Dorsey


- FAVORABLE                       FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS  
 UNFAVORABLE                       WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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CHAIRPERSON: [Signature]  
 COMMITTEE STAFF: Richard G. Krummerich, Initials: RK





FROM	NAME & TITLE	Frank J. Murphy, Acting Director	CITY of BALTIMORE	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0035	MEMO	

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

May 2, 2017

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 17-0035 for the purpose condemning and closing W. Trenton Street, extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation, and providing for a special effective date.

This parcel of land will become part of the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) campus. MICA owns the abutting properties.

The Department of Transportation supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

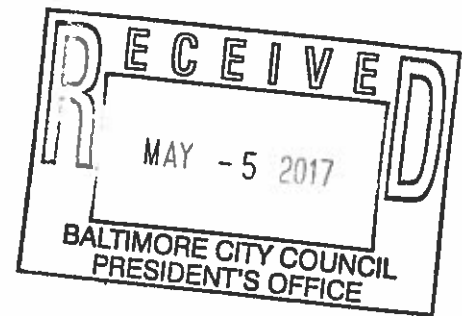
Respectfully,

*Frank J. Murphy*

Frank J. Murphy  
Acting Director

FJM/PAF

Cc: Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office  
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office



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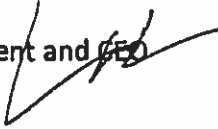






**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**FROM:** William H. Cole, President and CEO 

**DATE:** April 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 17-0035  
City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 17-0035 for the purpose of condemning and closing West Trenton Street extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

The proposed street closing will facilitate an expansion of a new building at the Maryland Institute College of Art. BDC supports this Bill and respectfully request favorable consideration of this matter.

cc: Kyron Banks

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**BALTIMORE  
HOUSING**

**CATHERINE PUGH**  
Mayor

**MICHAEL BRAVERMAN**  
Acting Executive Director, HABC  
Acting Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**From:** Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner 

**Date:** April 10, 2017

**Re:** **City Council Bill 17-0035 - City Streets – Closing –  
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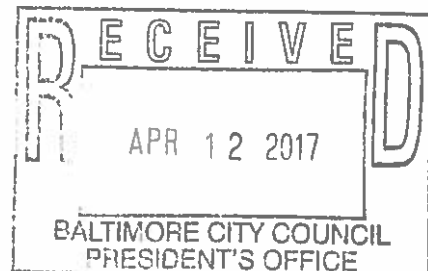
The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0035, for the purpose of condemning and closing West Trenton Street, extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this companion bill to City Council bill 17-0037 (Sale of Property), would assist MICA with the purchase of property to support future campus expansion. Mica currently owns properties on Trenton Street that abut this property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0035.


MB:sd

cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*







<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0035 / CITY STREETS - CLOSING-WEST TRENTON STREET		

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: April 3, 2017

The Department of Planning has been asked to review City Council Bill #17-0035, for the purpose of condemning and closing West Trenton Street, extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

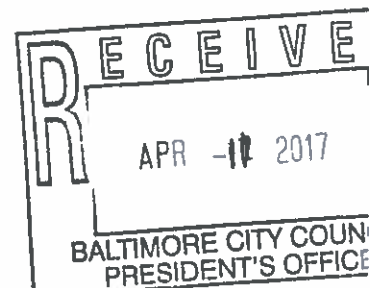
This proposed street closing is part of the site assembly for the MICA campus. They own the properties abutting this portion of Trenton Street and would incorporate it into future campus expansion. On October 17, 2013, the Planning Commission voted to approve that this portion of Trenton Street was no longer needed for public purpose. The Department of Planning has no objection to this and recommends approval of City Council Bill #17-0035.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

TJS/WA

Attachment

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances  
Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. David Tanner, BMZA  
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD  
Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT  
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Department  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Ms. Catherine Zoppo, Real Estate



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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

101 City Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 24, 2017

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0035 – City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0035 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close West Trenton Street from Shirk Alley westerly to Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Department of Transportation Office. The bill expressly reserves the rights the Mayor and City Council has in the structures located under the street bed, including access rights.

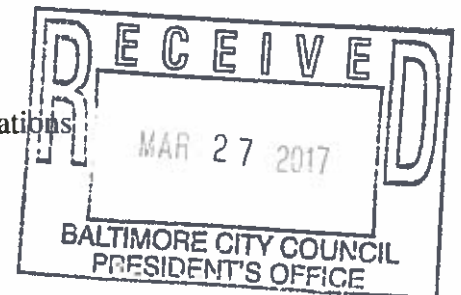
Section (34) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets.

As this bill meets with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Hilary Ruley  
Chief Solicitor

cc: David E. Ralph, Acting City Solicitor  
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division  
Victor Tervalá, Chief Solicitor  
Jennifer Landis, Assistant Solicitor







**HEARING NOTES**

**Bill: CC 17-0035**

**Ordinance – City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street**

**Committee:** Housing and Urban Affairs  
**Chaired By:** Councilmember John Bullock

**Hearing Date:** May 11, 2017  
**Time (Beginning):** 2:00 PM  
**Time (Ending):** 2:05 PM  
**Location:** Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber  
**Total Attendance:** 19  
**Committee Members in Attendance:**  
John Bullock Zeke Cohen  
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer Ryan Dorsey  
Kristerfer Burnett  
Bill Henry  
Sharon Sneed

<b>Bill Synopsis in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Attendance sheet in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Agency reports read?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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<b>Evidence of notification to property owners?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Final vote taken at this hearing?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Motioned by:</b> .....	<b>Councilmember Henry</b>		
<b>Seconded by:</b> .....	<b>Councilmember Dorsey</b>		
<b>Final Vote:</b> .....	<b>Favorable</b>		

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Caroline Hecker - Attorney for MICA
- Patrick Fleming - Department of Transportation.





**Major Issues Discussed**

- 1. Chairman Bullock convened the Hearing and welcomed the assembled guests.
- 2. Testimony showed this Bill would close an approximately 1/20<sup>th</sup> of an acre parcel just below north Avenue and west of Maryland Avenue to aid the expansion of the Maryland Institute College of Art. (MICA)
- 3. The Bill was approved on a 7-0 Vote with all Members present.
- 4. The Hearing was adjourned.

**Further Study**

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

**Committee Vote:**

J. Bullock:..... Yea  
 I. Schleifer: ..... Yea  
 K. Burnett: ..... Yea  
 B. Henry: ..... Yea  
 S. Sneed: ..... Yea  
 Z. Cohen: ..... Yea  
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Richard G. Krummerich, Committee Staff  
cc: Bill File  
OCS Chrono File

Date: 5-12-17











**BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Housing and Urban Affairs**

**Bill CC 17-0035**

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**Sponsor:** *President Young, (The Administrator)*  
**Introduced:** *March 20, 2017*

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**Effective:** Upon enactment

**Hearing Date/Time/Location:** May 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Council Chambers

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**Agency Reports**

Department of Law	Favorable
Planning Commission	No Objection
Department of Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Department of Transportation	Favorable







## Analysis

### Current Law

Article 2, Sec. 2, 34, and 35 of the Baltimore City Charter authorizes the closing of City Streets. The final step in the process is enactment of an Ordinance of the mayor and City Council.

### Background

CC 17-0035 is part of a package of legislation designed to help the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) expand its Campus in the Mount Vernon and Bolton Hill Neighborhoods of Central Baltimore.

The subject lot is an approximately 2700 Square Foot portion of Trenton Street a small alley street running parallel to and between Lafayette and North Avenues. The parcel runs between Maryland Avenue and the terminus point of Falls Road. Sale will be authorized by separate Ordinance.

CC 17-0035 condemns and closes the above described lot.

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### Additional Information

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Bill File

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Analysis by: Richard G. Krummerich *RK*      Direct Inquiries to: 410-396-1266  
Analysis Date: 5-9-17



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(First Reader)**

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Kyron Banks, Legislative Liaison <i>KB</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Mayor's Office of Government Relations City Hall, Room 340A		
	SUBJECT	Bill Introduction for the Administration		

DATE: March 15, 2017

TO Avery Aisenstark, Director  
Department of Legislative Reference

**An Ordinance Concerning:**  
**City Streets – Closing West Trenton Street**

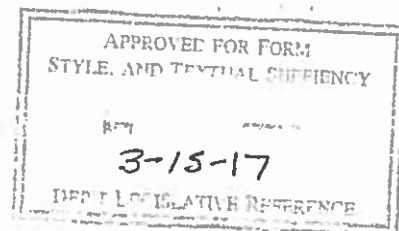
Please prepare the attached for introduction at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017. This bill is introduced at the request of the Administration (Department of Transportation). Please return legislation to this office when completed.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact Patrick Fleming at 443.865.4492.

cc: Karen Stokes, Director



**INTRODUCTORY\***  
**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**



Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

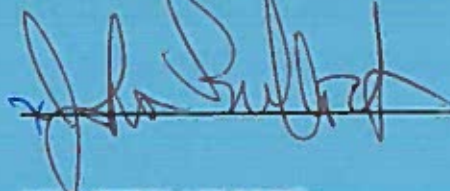
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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MAY 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 17

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF MAY 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 17

FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION



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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

MAY 15 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING \_\_\_\_\_ JUN 05 2017

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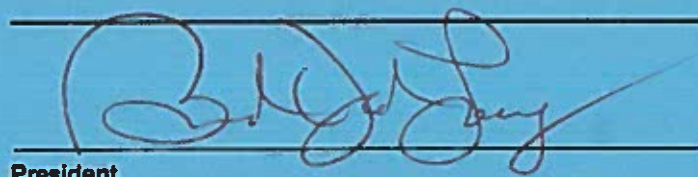
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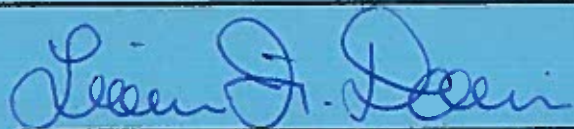
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WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_


There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.



President



Chief Clerk

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Frank J. Murphy, Acting Director	CITY of BALTIMORE  MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0035		

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

May 2, 2017

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 17-0035 for the purpose condemning and closing W. Trenton Street, extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation, and providing for a special effective date.

This parcel of land will become part of the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) campus. MICA owns the abutting properties.

The Department of Transportation supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

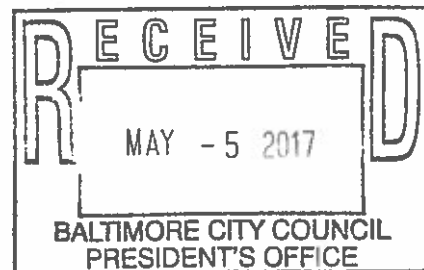
Respectfully,



Frank J. Murphy  
Acting Director

FJM/PAF

Cc: Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office  
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office



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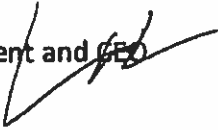




**Baltimore**  
Development Corporation

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**FROM:** William H. Cole, President and CEO 

**DATE:** April 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 17-0035  
City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street

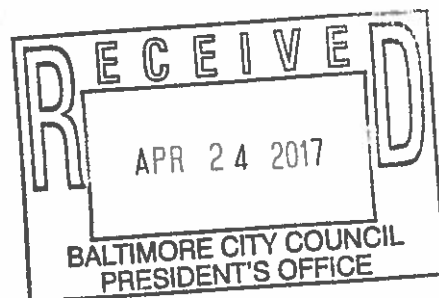
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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 17-0035 for the purpose of condemning and closing West Trenton Street extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

The proposed street closing will facilitate an expansion of a new building at the Maryland Institute College of Art. BDC supports this Bill and respectfully request favorable consideration of this matter.


**cc:** Kyron Banks

sandra.blake/ccbill17/17-0035







<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, <sup>TJS</sup> DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0035 / CITY STREETS - CLOSING-WEST TRENTON STREET		

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: April 3, 2017

The Department of Planning has been asked to review City Council Bill #17-0035, for the purpose of condemning and closing West Trenton Street, extending from Shirk Alley Westerly 135 feet, more or less, toward Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

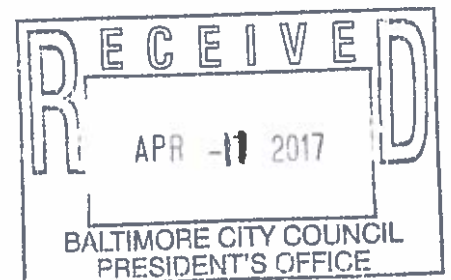
This proposed street closing is part of the site assembly for the MICA campus. They own the properties abutting this portion of Trenton Street and would incorporate it into future campus expansion. On October 17, 2013, the Planning Commission voted to approve that this portion of Trenton Street was no longer needed for public purpose. The Department of Planning has no objection to this and recommends approval of City Council Bill #17-0035.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

TJS/WA

Attachment

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances  
Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. David Tanner, BMZA  
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD  
Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT  
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Department  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Ms. Catherine Zoppo, Real Estate





CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 24, 2017

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0035 – City Streets – Closing – West Trenton Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

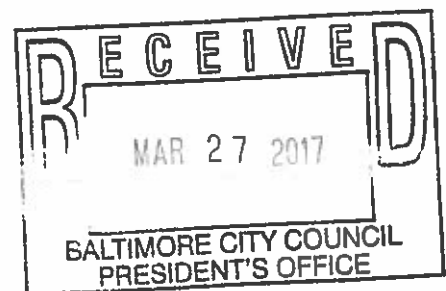
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0035 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close West Trenton Street from Shirk Alley westerly to Falls Road, as shown on Plat 61-A-30A in the Department of Transportation Office. The bill expressly reserves the rights the Mayor and City Council has in the structures located under the street bed, including access rights.

Section (34) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets.

As this bill meets with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Hilary Ruley  
Chief Solicitor



cc: David E. Ralph, Acting City Solicitor  
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division  
Victor Tervalá, Chief Solicitor  
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**BALTIMORE  
HOUSING**

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Acting Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
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**From:** Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner 

**Date:** April 10, 2017

**Re:** **City Council Bill 17-0035 - City Streets – Closing –  
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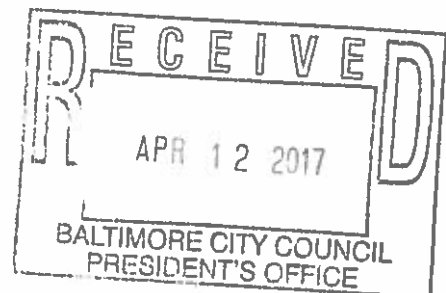
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If enacted, this companion bill to City Council bill 17-0037 (Sale of Property), would assist MICA with the purchase of property to support future campus expansion. Mica currently owns properties on Trenton Street that abut this property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0035.

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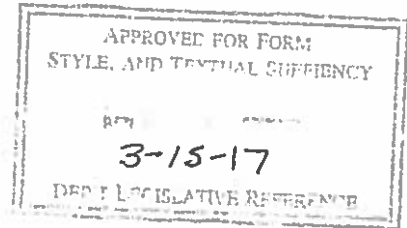
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CITY OF BALTIMORE  
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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

A BILL ENTITLED

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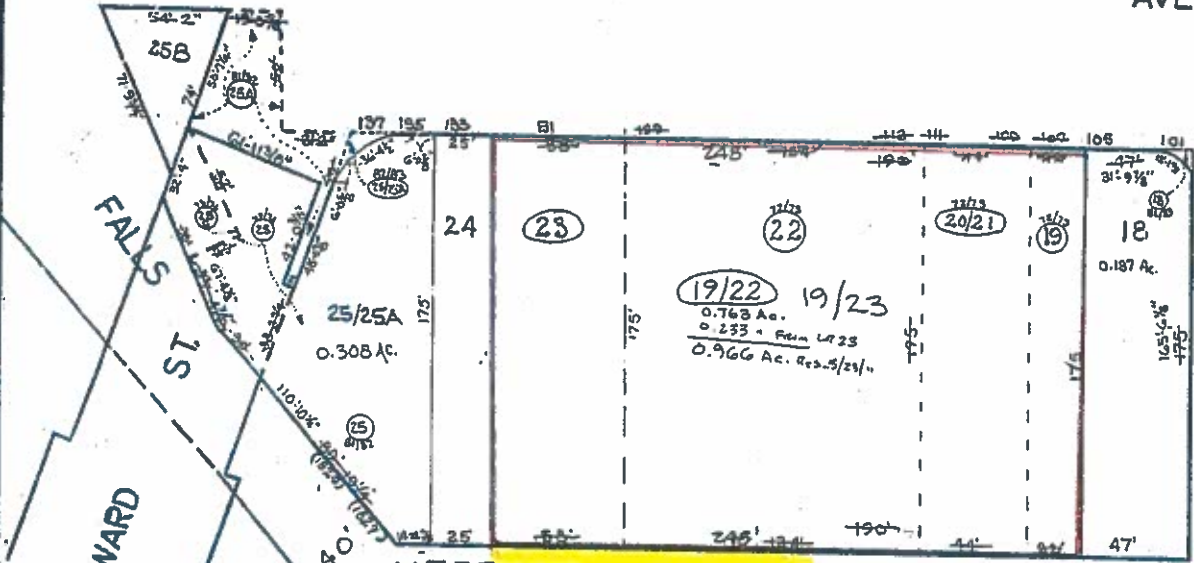
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LOT 25/25A PER DEED C.S.H. 83-332  
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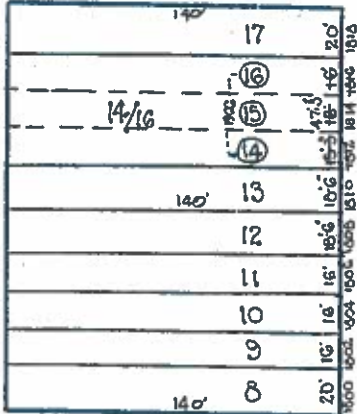
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BUILDING SITUATED IN ALLEY  
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REFERENCE	LOCATION	ACREAGE
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TOTAL		10.520

SHEETS IN SET 4  
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TRACED BY M.A. BOONE  
 LETTERED BY M.A. BOONE  
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**NOTICE**  
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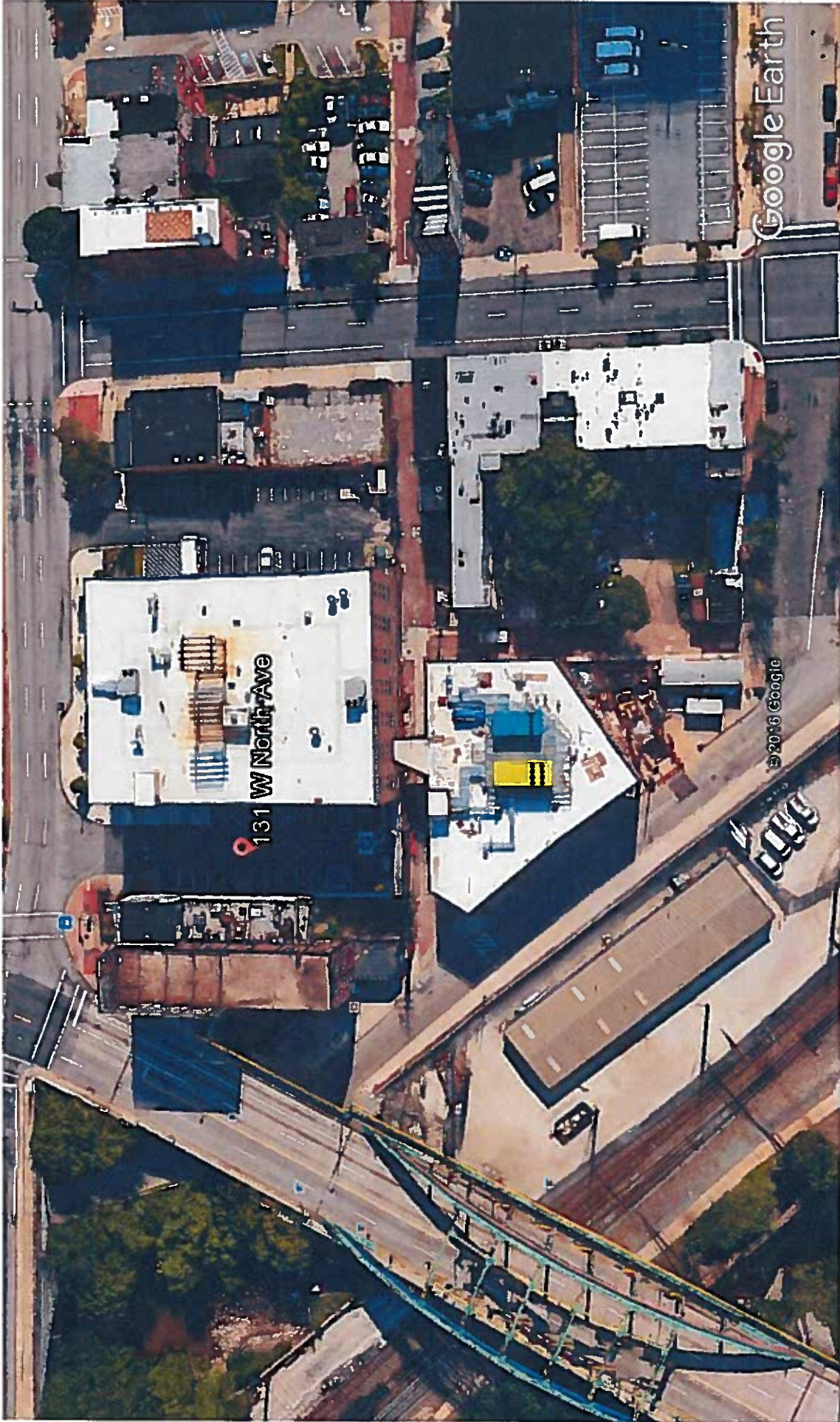
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 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION  
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 SCALE 1 INCH = 50 FT. DATE JUNE, 1966

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 17-0035**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)  
Introduced and read first time: March 20, 2017  
Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 15, 2017

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**City Streets – Closing –  
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**Council Bill 17-0035**

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28   Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized  
29   representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and  
30   appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining,  
31   repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from  
32   or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

33       **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
34   enacted.



**Council Bill 17-0035**

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City

