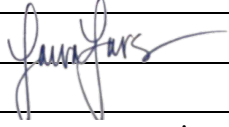




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 
DATE	07/23/2024
SUBJECT	24-0564 Sale of Property - Subterranean portions of Streets and Alleys

Position: Does Not Oppose

Sale of Property - Subterranean portions of Streets and Alleys bounded by portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace (Group 4) For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as subterranean portions of streets and alleys bounded by portions of Linden Avenue, W. North Avenue, Eutaw Place, Ducatel Street, Brookfield Avenue, Reservoir Street, Whitelock Street, Newington Avenue, Callow Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mt. Royal Terrace, as shown on Plat 306-C-3B, Sheets 1-5, filed with the Department of Transportation, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Background

This ordinance will sell certain subterranean rights-of-way. This action will facilitate the transfer of the referenced rights-of-way from Baltimore City to Amtrak, which will in turn allow for their use in the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program. This Bill is part of a series of Bills that close and transfer the right-of-way to be used by the proposed tunnel, thereby allowing Amtrak to operate the tunnel.

Fiscal Impact Analysis

The Department of Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

Conclusion

The purpose of these bills is to allow for the subterranean development of a new Amtrak tunnel through the City, known as the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0564

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