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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0239		

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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 08-0239 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize 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 the former beds of (1) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties formerly known as Nos. 2203-2227 North Howard Street and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out contiguous to the north outline of the property formerly known as No. 2214 Mace Street, and no longer needed for public use.

Carroll Independent Fuel wishes to incorporate these former "paper" alley beds with property they own, and consolidate the properties into one lot. City Council Bill 08-0239 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0237 and 08-0238), if approved, would open and close these alleys to public use and authorize their sale.

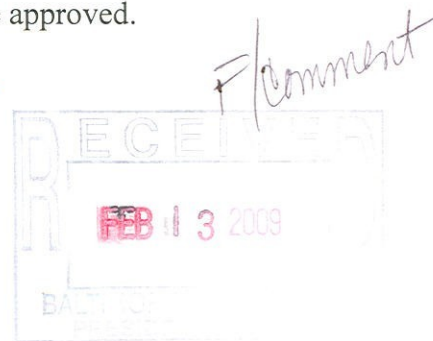
The portions of former rights-of-way proposed to be sold are as follows:

- An approximately 10 foot wide by 50 foot long former alley bed located perpendicular to and between Mace Street and a 10-foot alley; and
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 176 foot long portion of a former alley bed located perpendicular to and between West 23rd Street and the north property line of 2205 North Howard Street.

Any City-owned utilities not to be abandoned or relocated would be protected by full width perpetual easements, as noted in the legislation (lines 21 and 22 of page 2).

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0239 provided the companion opening and closing ordinances are approved.


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