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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0242</b>		

DATE: February 12, 2009

**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 08-0242 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 a certain parcel of land known as the subterranean rights under Pleasant Street, 23.35 feet east of St. Paul Place and extending easterly 26.00 feet, and no longer needed for public use.

Mercy Medical Center is constructing a state-of-the-art in-patient tower complex on the block bounded by St. Paul Place, Calvert Street, Orleans Street, and Pleasant Street. Completion of the project is projected to be the fall of 2010. Mercy Medical Center would like to connect this new facility to its existing parking garage via an underground tunnel beneath Pleasant Street. City Council Bill 08-0242 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0240 and 08-241), if approved, would open Pleasant Street and close the subterranean rights to public use and authorize their sale.

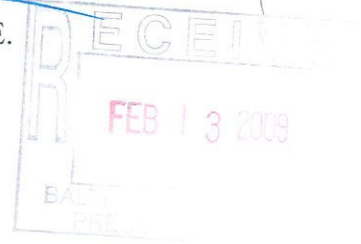
The portion of Pleasant Street subterranean rights proposed to be closed and sold is located in the block between North Calvert Street and St. Paul Place, and begins approximately 23.35 feet east of St. Paul Place. The area begins at an elevation of 33 feet and descends to an unlimited depth. The tunnel dimension will measure approximately 26 feet wide by 49.5 feet long and will contain a volume of approximately 2,433.03 cubic yards. Any need to relocate existing utilities and the attendant costs will be the responsibility of Mercy Medical Center, as noted in Section 3 of the closing ordinance. Any City-owned utilities not to be abandoned or relocated will be subject to a full width perpetual easement, as noted in this legislation (lines 1 and 2 of page 2).

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0242 provided the companion opening and closing ordinances are approved.

  
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