

## CITY OF BALTIMORE MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

| TO      | The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  |
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| FROM    | Khalil Zaied, Acting Director, Department of Public Works Khalie Zaied   |
| DATE    | September 8, 2024  |
| SUBJECT | City Council Bill 24-0567 Sale of Property - Subterranean Portions of Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of North Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue |

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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400

**Position: Favorable** 

## SUMMARY OF POSITION

Baltimore City Council Bill 24-0567 Sale of Property - Subterranean Portions of Streets and Alleys Bounded by Portions of North Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue 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 N. Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue, as shown on Plat 316-C-4B, Sheets 1 through 5, and filed with the Department of Transportation, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed this bill to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, either through public or private sale, all interests in certain parcels of land identified as subterranean portions of streets and alleys bounded by N. Mount Street, Presstman Street, Appleton Street, and Westwood Avenue. This transaction will facilitate Amtrak's use of the land for the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program, thereby supporting Baltimore City's efforts to enhance accessible public transportation resources for its residents.

The Department of Public Works is committed to collaborating with the Department of Transportation and the Frederick Douglass Program managers to ensure minimal to no impact on our subterranean infrastructure.

The Department of Public Works recommends a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-067.