



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	August 4, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0078 • City Streets – Closing – Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Company (Amtrak)

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The Department of Transportation (BCDOT) has requested the introduction of this legislation at Amtrak's request. If passed, this bill and its accompanying bill, 25-0079, would allow Amtrak to consolidating existing lots by removing segments of right-of-way located between them. The land surrounding the portions of these streets to be closed is owned by Amtrak, and the streets being closed dead-end at Amtrak property. These road closures are an important part of Amtrak's Frederick Douglass Tunnel Project and will facilitate work at the southern terminus of the tunnel.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The roadways being closed are not necessary as they do not connect to any property outside Amtrak ownership. Therefore, BCDOT respectfully requests a favorable bill report on 25-0078.