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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0749		

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
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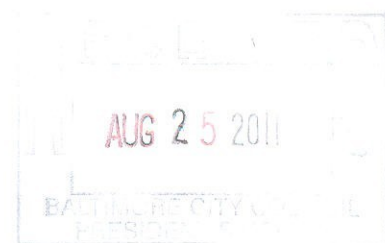
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0749 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and open Eager Street, extending from Chester Street, easterly 266.6 feet, more or less, to Collington Avenue and lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 341-A-43 in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East was originally approved by Ordinance 79-1202 and was last amended by Ordinance 05-124. This urban renewal area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, and an elementary school. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. The East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) is planning to develop a roughly seven acre site just east of the New East Baltimore Community Planned Unit Development for the East Baltimore Community School within the Urban Renewal Area. The school operates at a temporary location at Washington and Chase Streets and reserves up to 70% of its slots for children of families that lived within EBDI boundaries. The new location for the school will be a facility that is co-branded with Johns Hopkins University and will also include professional development and family support centers, a health clinic, after school programming, and a fitness center.

The development parcel for the school requires the opening, closing and incorporation of several alley and street beds. City Council Bill 11-0749 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 11-0750 and 11-0751), if approved, will allow for the opening, closing, and sale of a portion of Eager Street needed for consolidation and development. The portion of East Eager Street proposed to be opened measures approximately 66 feet wide by 266.6 feet long and is located perpendicular to and between North Collington Avenue and North Chester Street. Additional legislation (City Council Bills 11-0747 and 11-0748) will open and close the remaining rights-of-way to public use that are needed for the development parcel as well.

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The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0749.

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Theodore Atwood
Director

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