

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	25-0079 • Sale of Property – Certain Streets Lying Within the Area Bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, West Lafayette Avenue and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The Department of Transportation (BCDOT) has requested the introduction of this legislation at Amtrak's request. If passed, contingent on passage of 25-0078, this bill would allow Amtrak to consolidating existing lots by acquiring former right-of-way located between their lots. The land surrounding the portions of City property being sold is Amtrak property. This sale is 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 sold are not necessary as they do not connect to any property outside Amtrak ownership. Therefore, BCDOT respectfully requests a favorable bill report on 25-0079.