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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0665		

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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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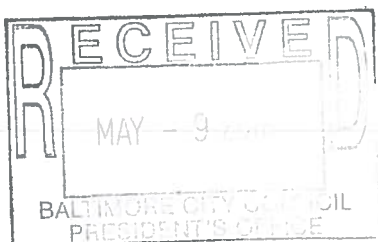
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0665 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Transportation).

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 and to certain parcels of land no longer needed for highway or other public use and known as the former bed of (1) Sinclair Lane easterly 731.1 feet more or less to its northeastern most extremity, and (2) certain streets lying within the former Freedom and Claremont Homes Project, now known as Orchard Ridge; all as shown on Plat 114-A-16 on file in the offices of the Department of Transportation.

The former Freedom and Claremont Homes project is located in the northeast portion of the City, just south of Sinclair Lane and east of Erdman Avenue. When this residential project was originally constructed, several street beds were transferred by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) to the City to be dedicated as public roads. As the new Orchard Ridge project was being constructed on this site in 2007 and 2008, several of these public roads were closed to public use but the street beds were not transferred to HABC. In order for the current Orchard Ridge project to continue its development, this sales ordinance is needed to convey portions of the former public street beds to HABC. The parcels proposed for sale are the former beds of Freedomway West and Freedomway North (parcel 1 of Plat 114-A-16), the former bed of Clareway extending from Freedomway North to Sinclair Lane (parcel 2 of Plat 114-A-16), the former bed of Southclare Road (parcel 3 of Plat 114-A-16), and the former bed of a portion of Sinclair Lane (parcel 1 of Plat 114-A-16B). Any public utilities that are not abandoned or relocated would need full width easements for the continued protection of and access to these utilities.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0665 provided any remaining public utilities are protected under a full width easement.

Sincerely,



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