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# CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON SCOTT – MAYOR

 ZEKE COHEN - COUNCIL PRESIDENT



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NANCY MEAD – DIRECTOR

100 N. HOLIDAY STREET

BALTIMORE MD, 21202

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## HEARING NOTES

Bill: 25-0078

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Title: 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)

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Committee: Land Use & Transportation

Chaired by: Ryan Dorsey

Hearing Date: 8/28/2025

Time (Beginning): 10:01 AM

Time (Ending): 10:31: AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 17

Committee Members in Attendance: Dorsey, Middleton, Parker, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard

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Bill Synopsis in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by: .....	Middleton		
Final Vote: .....	7-0		

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### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Councilman Bullock presented the bill. Eric Tiso representing the Planning Commission, a representative from the Department of Transportation, and Leah Gattlan, the director of real estate for Amtrak were the other major speakers.

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## Major Issues Discussed

Councilman Bullock introduced the bill. Following the introduction the Chair moved to agency reports where the Department of Transportation recommended the bill favorably, and the Planning Commission had no bill report due to the fact that this bill has not been heard by the commission yet.

Following the agency reports, the Amtrak Real Estate Director provided public testimony offering both historical context and an update on Amtrak's plans for the land. The area in question serves as the south approach where the southern facility will be maintained, and Amtrak anticipates deep excavation work beginning next month and continuing through the spring. The Director noted that work is also underway to rebuild the bridge on Mulberry Street, and explained that a recent track shift required Amtrak to purchase additional real estate in order to complete the assemblage necessary for that shift.

This bill was postponed for a voting session.

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## Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

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## Committee Vote:

Dorsey, Chair:.....	N/A
Middleton, Vice Chair: .....	N/A
Parker:.....	N/A
Gray:.....	N/A
Bullock:.....	N/A
Porter:.....	N/A
Blanchard: .....	N/A

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Juliane Jemmott,

Date: 8/28/2025

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