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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0038</b>		

DATE: February 20, 2008

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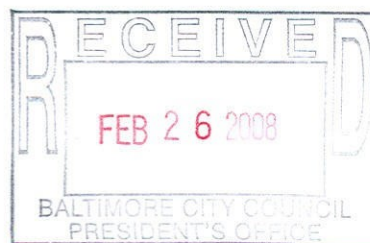
The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0038 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close Sinclair Lane, extending from Clareway easterly 713.1 feet, more or less, to its northeasternmost extremity, as shown on Plat 114-A-16B in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The former apartment complex known as Freedom Village and the former Claremont Family Homes consist of large tracts of land located in the northeast section of Baltimore. The Housing Authority of Baltimore City and the Department of Housing and Community Development, in association with Penrose Properties, LLC, are in the process of redeveloping these former public housing sites into a new residential community of mixed income housing, having both rental and homeownership. The planned community will include a clubhouse, a large open space and wooded area. Residential units will be in a townhouse arrangement, along with a 100 unit rental building (mixed income), with streetscaping and an entrance park. The approximately 54 acre redevelopment site is located between Sinclair Lane and Erdman Avenue. The site is being reconfigured to accommodate the new community, thus requiring the closure of several public rights-of-way and the creation of new streets. Ordinance 07-478 closed a horseshoe-shaped portion of right-of-way approximately 50 feet wide and extending from Freedomway North and formed by Freedomway West and a portion of Freedomway North; a curving stretch of Clareway right-of-way approximately 60 feet wide, extending from Freedomway North to Sinclair Lane; and a curving stretch of Southclare Road right-of-way approximately 50 feet wide, extending from Clareway Road to its terminus.


Since the enactment of Ordinance 07-478, the developers determined that a portion of Sinclair Lane right-of-way is needed to complete the reconfiguration of the site. City Council Bill 08-0038, if approved, would condemn and close the needed portion of Sinclair Lane right-of-way. The area proposed for closure measures approximately 61 feet wide by 713 feet long, and extends in a northeasterly direction from Clareway to its terminus. The cartway portion of Sinclair Lane would not be impacted. Any public utilities present in this portion of right-of-way proposed for closure and not to be abandoned or relocated are protected under Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation.



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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council  
Bill 08-0038.



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