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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0241		

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TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
 c/o Karen Randle
 Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0241 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 the subterranean rights under Pleasant Street, 23.35 feet east of St. Paul Place and extending easterly 26.00 feet, as shown on Plat 114-A-54A in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

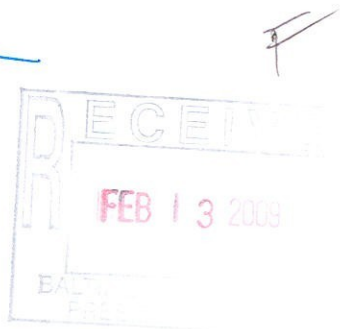
Mercy Medical Center is constructing a state-of-the-art in-patient tower complex on the block bounded by St. Paul Place, Calvert Street, Orleans Street, and Pleasant Street. Completion of the project is projected to be the fall of 2010. Mercy Medical Center would like to connect this new facility to its existing parking garage via an underground tunnel beneath Pleasant Street. City Council Bill 08-0241 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0240 and 08-242), if approved, would open Pleasant Street and close the subterranean rights to public use and authorize their sale.

The portion of Pleasant Street subterranean rights proposed to be condemned and closed is located in the block between North Calvert Street and St. Paul Place, and begins approximately 23.35 feet east of St. Paul Place. The closure area begins at an elevation of 33 feet and descends to an unlimited depth. The tunnel dimension will measure approximately 26 feet wide by 49.5 feet long and will contain a volume of approximately 2,433.03 cubic yards. Any need to relocate existing utilities and the attendant costs will be the responsibility of Mercy Medical Center, as noted in Section 3 of the legislation.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0241.


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