



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 30, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0181 – City Streets – Closing – A Portion of Fremont Avenue and 2 Portions of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0181, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Fremont Avenue and 2 portions of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, lying between Fairmount Avenue and Hollins Street, as shown on Plat 329-A-23A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

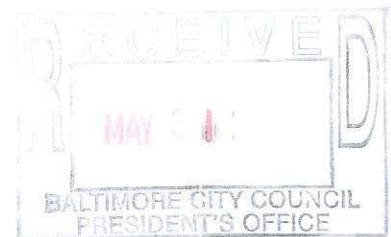
This bill, if adopted, would condemn a portion of Fremont Avenue and 2 portions of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, lying between Fairmount Avenue and Hollins Street. The subject city streets are located in the University of Maryland BioPark section of the city, and sit roughly between the south side of W. Fairmount Avenue with S. Fremont Avenue on the western edge and portions of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard right of way on the eastern edge, and bounded on the southern edge by Hollins Street.

City Council Bill 13-0181, along with its companion legislation, City Council Bill 13-0180 and City Council Bill 13-0182, which would open certain city streets and authorize the sale of certain city-owned parcels, respectively, will allow for the entire site to be redeveloped as part of the University of Maryland BioPark site. Additionally, it is the understanding of HCD that the BioPark will landscape and maintain the subject properties, which are to remain accessible to the public.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0181.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*



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