




CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
<b>DATE</b>	March 28, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>23-0391 - City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Boston Street</b>

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The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

3/28/24

**Position: Favorable**

## Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0391 City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Boston Street for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Boston Street, bounded by the east side of Haven Street, the southernmost property line of 1201 South Haven, LLC, the west side of Canton Railroad Right-of-Way, and the north side of Boston Street, as shown on a plat numbered 307-A-22A, dated March 17, 2022, and filed in the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would condemn and close a segment of Boston Street, bounded by the east side of Haven Street, the southernmost property line of 1201 South Haven, LLC, the west side of Canton Railroad Right-of-Way, and the north side of Boston Street. This ordinance would become effective the day it is enacted.

## DHCD Analysis

DHCD recognizes that the closure and condemnation of this segment of Boston Street would provide for the redevelopment of the adjacent parcel with new commercial investment and align the northern edge of the Boston Street right-of-way with adjacent blocks. This legislation is accompanied by companion Bill 23-0392 *Sale of Property - A Portion of Boston Street*, which authorizes the sale of this property for private use. The street segment to be closed does not lie within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas. This bill is unlikely to have an operational or fiscal impact on DHCD.

## Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 23-0391.