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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0579		

TO

DATE: September 2, 2010

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

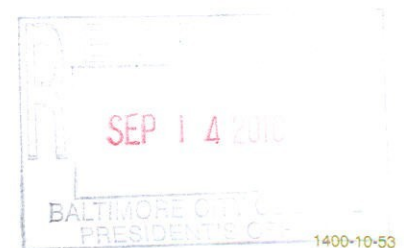
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0579 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close (1) Bruce Street, extending from Clifton Avenue, Southerly and Southeasterly 400.4 feet, more or less, (2) a 10-foot alley located on the west side of Bruce Street, distant 106.0 feet, more or less, southerly from Clifton Avenue, and extending westerly 52.0 feet, more or less, and (3) a 10-foot alley located on the east side of Bruce Street, distant 82.0 feet, more or less, southerly from Clifton Avenue, and extending easterly 35.0 feet, more or less, and lying within the Penn North Housing and Community Development Project, as shown on Plat 264-A-20A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

Penn North Partners, LLC was selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop rental housing on the west side of the 2600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Clifton Avenue and Retreat Street. The development will consist of 91 apartment dwelling units and a daycare center. Penn North is requesting closure of a portion of Bruce Street and two 10-foot alleys so that these rights-of-way may be incorporated into the development site. City Council Bill 10-0579, if approved, would close these portions of rights-of-way to public use and companion legislation (City Council Bill 10-0580) would authorize their sale. The portions requested for closure are:

- An approximately 20.6 foot by 205.7 foot by 194 foot by 26 foot by 200.6 foot by 200.5 foot portion of Bruce Street right-of-way extending from Clifton Avenue southerly, then bending easterly and ending at the property line between the properties known as 2650 Bruce Street and 1900 Retreat Street;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 52 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between a 10 foot alley and the west side of Bruce Street; and
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 38 foot long alley, located perpendicular to the east side of Bruce Street and extending easterly to its terminus.

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Any utilities to be affected by this closure are protected under Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0579.

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Theodore Atwood
Acting Director

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