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	SUBJECT	**CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0722**

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The Honorable President and Members
  of the Baltimore City Council
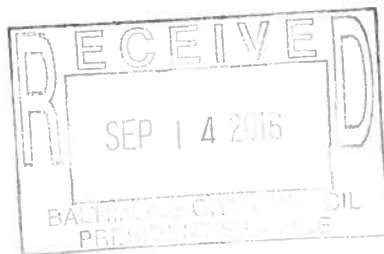c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0722 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Transportation).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of a 12-foot alley, extending from another 12-foot alley Northeasterly 52 feet, more or less, to the southernmost extremity of Block 3563A, Lot 42B and no longer needed for public use.

The subject parcel is an alley bed located adjacent and to the rear of the property known as 3818 Roland Avenue and perpendicular to another 12-foot alley. This right-of-way is being opened and closed to public use under companion City Council Bills 16-0720 and 16-0721. The 12-foot wide by 52-foot long parcel abuts a similar parcel that was formed by closing and selling a portion of the same alley bed (extending to Rectory Lane) under another ordinance process. An adjacent business entity is interested in acquiring the former alley bed, and City Council Bill 16-0722 would grant the City authority to sell the created parcel. Utility records show that public utilities are located in the right-of-way that, if not abandoned or relocated, would require continued access for maintenance purposes.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0722 provided the companion legislation granting closure of the right-of-way is approved and that accommodation for any public utilities remaining in these areas are protected under full width perpetual easements.

Respectfully,

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Director

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