


FROM	NAME & TITLE	William M. Johnson, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE  MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0332		

TO

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

November 6, 2014

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0332, the purpose of which is to condemn and close a portion of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, extending from the eastern boundary line of Baltimore City westerly and southwesterly, as shown on Plat 331-A-30A with the Department of General Services.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this bill.

Closing this street will benefit economic development. A large collection of properties exist along the easterly side of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, near that street's intersection with Pulaski Highway and adjacent to the eastern boundary of the City. The properties were the former Hollander Ridge public housing complex, which was demolished in 2000. Since the demolition, one warehouse and one convenience store were built at the corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pulaski Highway. The properties were subsequently purchased by Hollander 95, LLC and a Planned Unit Development (PUD) was enacted under Ordinance 11-549. The right-of-way of concern in this bill only serves this property, and its closure will assist the developer with preparing the site for the relocation of the H&S Bakery distribution center and with marketing the site for additional development.

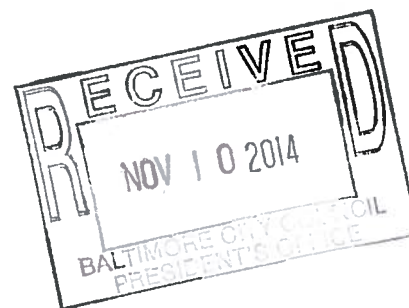
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



William M. Johnson  
Director

WMJ/BZ



F