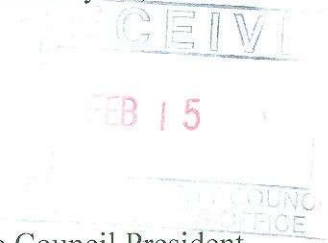


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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 13-0178</b>		

**TO**

DATE: February 12, 2013

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 13-0178 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close all streets and alleys bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation Inc. Railroad Right-of-way, as shown on Plat 298-A-16A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Coppin State University is constructing a new Science and Technology Center building as part of the University's Facilities Master Plan. The approximately 152,305 square foot building is planned to address critical needs in science and related disciplines, provide a campus data center and general classroom space. The building will be located at the southwest corner of West North Avenue and North Warwick Avenue. The site is currently supporting a temporary surface parking lot and includes vacant townhouses. City Council Bill 13-0178, if approved, would condemn and close the following portions of rights-of-way to public use:

- An approximately 66 foot wide by 1,071.8 foot long portion of Thomas Avenue, located perpendicular to and between Baker Street and West North Avenue;
- An approximately 66 foot wide by 115 foot long portion of Presbury Street, located perpendicular to and between Thomas Avenue and a 10 foot alley;
- An approximately 66 foot wide by 100 foot long portion of Whitmore Avenue, located perpendicular to the south side of West North Avenue and adjacent to the property known as 2551/2553 West North Avenue;
- An approximately 20 foot wide by 110 foot long portion of Presbury Street, located perpendicular to and between North Warwick Avenue and a 10 foot alley and between the properties known as 1660 and 1700 North Warwick Avenue;
- An approximately 35 foot wide by 115 foot long portion of Westwood Avenue, located perpendicular to and between Thomas Avenue and a 20 foot alley;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 392 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between Baker Street and Presbury Street and to the rear of the properties known as 1600 – 1646 Thomas Avenue;
- An approximately 10 foot by 725.8 foot by 52.8 foot by 3.6 foot by 777.9 foot alley, located perpendicular to and between Baker Street and 20 foot alley and to the rear of the properties known as 1600 – 1744 North Warwick Avenue;

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- An approximately 20 foot by 123.6 foot by 20.2 foot by 126.2 foot alley, located perpendicular to North Warwick Avenue and terminating to the rear of the property known as 1805 Thomas Avenue;
- An approximately 15 foot by 144.6 foot by 15.2 foot by 146.8 foot alley, located perpendicular to North Warwick Avenue and terminating to the rear of the property known as 1817 Thomas Avenue;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 210 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between Thomas Avenue and Whitmore Avenue;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 140 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between a 15 foot alley and a 20 foot alley and parallel to North Warwick Avenue;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 90 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between Thomas Avenue and a 10 foot alley and between the properties known as 1733 and 1801 Thomas Avenue;
- An approximately 20 foot wide by 273.7 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between Presbury Street and Westwood Avenue; and
- An approximately 20 foot wide by 205 foot long alley, located perpendicular to and between Westwood Avenue and a 10 foot alley and to the rear of the properties known as 1800 – 1828 Thomas Avenue.

Companion legislation would condemn and open certain rights-of-way (City Council Bill 13-0177) and authorize the sale of the former street and alley beds (City Council Bill 13-0179). The portions of streets and alleys to be opened, closed, and sold are to accommodate the new Science and Technology Center building.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 13-0178.

Respectfully,



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ACTING DIRECTOR

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