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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 09-0382 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

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 certain parcels of land known as a portion of 1900 Argonne Drive, Lot 2A, Block 5387 and a portion of Lot 2, Block 5387 and no longer needed for public use.

Morgan State University has been making significant changes to its campus facilities. The east side campus roadway known as the Perimeter Road, running north-south between Cold Spring Lane and Argonne Drive, has its southern terminus through a parking lot to the west of the Northeast District Police Station, and exits onto the northern side of Argonne Drive. Morgan State University wanted to realign the Perimeter Road by placing the access road to the east of the Northeast District building and opposite McCallum Drive, the entrance to its office facilities on the southern side of Argonne Drive. At about the same time, the Department of Transportation was constructing a streetscape project along Argonne Drive, making quick resolution of the roadway access necessary. To this end, Morgan State University and the City of Baltimore entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), approved by the Board of Estimates on June 6, 2007, that spells out how the realignment of the Perimeter Road will be accommodated. In summary, the MOU agrees to the following:

- Realignment of the Perimeter Road impacts portions of two City-owned parcels known as Lots 2 and 2A (1900 Argonne Drive, the location of the Police District) of Block 5387. A portion of Lot 2 that is adjacent to the east side of Lot 2A and roughly parallels the shared border, then bending in a northwesterly direction to end at the northeast corner of Lot 2A, would become part of the newly aligned Perimeter Road. In addition, a triangular portion of the northeast corner of Lot 2A would also become part of the new roadway alignment.
- In exchange for the two portions of City-owned land, Morgan State University will exchange portions of its property that parallel the length of the west side of Lot 2A and the north side of Lot 2A, to the point where the triangular portion of Lot 2A ends.

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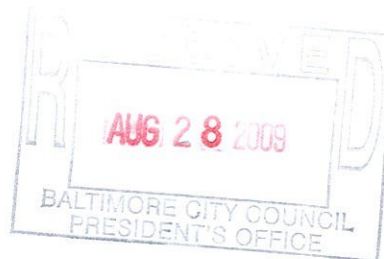
- Morgan State University will grant to the City the right to use the new Perimeter Road alignment to access the parking area for the Northeastern District, as well as an easement to access and maintain the District's storm drains. The City will grant to Morgan State University the right to enter its land to use and operate the Perimeter Road in common with the City.
- The property that the City will receive in exchange will be paved and striped by Morgan State University as part of the Northeastern District parking lot, additional lighting will be installed, a concrete pad created for dumpster use, and the old driveway removed and the area resodded.

City Council Bill 09-0382, if approved, would complete the last steps in the property exchange with Morgan State University. Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of the Bill.



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