


<b>F R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Steve Sharkey, Director	<b>CITY of BALTIMORE  M E M O</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0575		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young  
TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **Support**  
RE: Council Bill – 20-0575

DATE: 11/9/20

**INTRODUCTION** – City Streets - Closing - A 13-Foot Alley and a 20-Foot Alley

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of condemning and closing a 13-foot alley, extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20-foot alley; and a 20-foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street, as shown on Plat 314-B-16A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 20-0575 looks to formally close a 13-foot alley that exists immediately north of the 2000 block of Biddle Street and a separate 20-foot alley immediately east of the 1200 block of North Washington Street. Doing so will allow for the consolidation of adjacent parcels, enabling the construction of a surface parking lot to serve the recently completed Hoen Lithography Building. Council Bill 20-0575, along with Council Bills 20-0574 and 20-0576 are companion bills to Council Bill 19-0402. Council Bill 19-0402, which passed the City Council on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, authorized the creation of the surface level parking lot via a condition use.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct fiscal or operational impact resulting from the advancement of Council Bill 20-0575. The Department of Transportation **supports** Council Bill 20-0575.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at [Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey  
Director