


<b>F R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Director	<b>CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	Council Bill 22-0303		

DATE: 9/7/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott  
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **Support**  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 22-0303

**INTRODUCTION** - City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Marion Street

**PURPOSE/PLANS** - For the purpose of condemning and closing air rights above a portion of Marion Street, extending Westerly 103 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley beginning at a horizontal plane of 14 feet above street level, and closing subterranean rights below a portion of Marion Street extending Westerly 62.5 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley, beginning at a horizontal plane at elevation 62 feet based on Baltimore City Survey Control System, as shown on a plat numbered 330-A-28A, Sheets 1 and 2, dated June 20, 2022, prepared by the Survey Section and filed with the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**COMMENTS** - Council Bill 22-0303 seeks to formally close the subterranean rights and air rights over a portion of Marion Street, an alley street located within the western portion of downtown Baltimore. The subterranean rights and air rights are currently being utilized by existing tunnel and building infrastructure, originating back to when this area of downtown was a vibrant retail district filled with department stores.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION** - The Baltimore City Department of Transportation has concluded that this impacted portion of subterranean and air rights over Marion Street are of public need. As such, the department **supports** the advancement of Council Bill 22-0303.

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,

Corren Johnson,  
Director