




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	October 8, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0575 City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

10/8/24

Position: Favorable with amendments

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0575 City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area for the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, as shown on a plat numbered 343-A-27A, Sheets 1 through 6, dated January 16, 2024, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0575 would instruct the Department of Transportation to condemn and close six sets of streets and alleys within the area bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street. A total of 12 parcels would be closed, all lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area. If approved, this legislation will become effective upon the date of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

The Poppleton area is a historically underserved part of the city. DHCD has been working to promote redevelopment in the area. The closing of certain streets and alleys in the area is needed to advance certain development goals. The initiative by DHCD to close the streets and alleys in question was reviewed favorably by the Planning Commission in 2020.

Suggested Amendments

DHCD requests the following closures be removed from the legislation:

- Block 155 Sarah Ann Street between N. Carrollton Avenue and N. Arlington Avenue
- Block 155 N. Carlton Street between W. Saratoga Street and Sarah Ann Street
- Block 156 Sarah Ann Street between N. Arlington Avenue and N. Schroeder Street
- Between Block 155 & 156, N. Arlington Avenue between W. Saratoga Street and W. Mulberry Street

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a report that is **favorable with amendments** on City Council Bill 24-0575.