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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill# 15-0520 –Sale of Property Former Beds – 2 10-Foot Alleys in the Area Between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue		

TO

DATE:

June 2, 2015

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
City Hall, Room 400

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is pleased to report on City Council Bill #15-0520 / Sale of Property / Former Beds of 2 10-Foot Alleys Between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue, which authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at public or private sale, all its interest in the air rights alley referenced in the bill's title – with a special effective date.

The proposed sale would impact two alleys in the Greenmount West neighborhood, with North Avenue to the north, the Jones Falls Expressway to the south, and the Greenmount Cemetery to the east. The first alley is located to the rear of the properties known as 1702 through 1723 Brentwood Avenue and the second is located to the rear of the properties known as 1701 through 1723 Brentwood Avenue.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), owns all of the properties adjacent to the subject portions Right-of-Way and will be consolidating the properties for redevelopment. As all properties are City-owned, the Right-of-Way is no longer needed for a public purpose and can be closed, declared surplus property and sold. The development team secured by DHCD has successfully completed an apartment building for artist housing and several for-sale townhomes in the 1500 block of Greenmount Avenue called City Arts. That same team is marketing this project as a second phase of City Arts, to be known as City Arts II. A utility investigation has been completed and the developer, at their sole expense, will relocate or abandon the City-owned utilities. The new project would include a 60-unit apartment building and five townhomes.

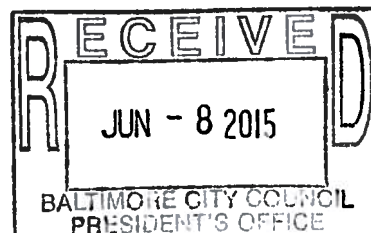
Based on these findings, DOT recommends a favorable report of City Council Bill #15-0520, provided that the closing ordinance is approved.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

William M. Johnson
Director





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