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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 15-0550		

TO

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

July 27, 2015

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0550, Sale of Property - A Portion of the Former Bed of Dickman Street. This bill is for authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as a portion of the former bed of Dickman Street, designated as Lot 7 on the Resubdivision Plat dated December 29, 1989, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

DOT supports this bill.

The Bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell all its interest in and to the former bed of Dickman Street, located in Port Covington. Based on a series of agreements between CSX, the Sunpapers and the City dating back to the late 1980s, the three parties exchanged land to consolidate parcels located where the Sunpapers' plant exists. The ordinance closing Dickman Street was passed back in 1988 but the sales ordinance to allow the City to convey the parcel to the Sunpapers was never introduced. This error came to light recently, as the Tribune, the Sunpapers' successor, has entered into a contract to sell the land. This bill enables the street bed to be conveyed to the Tribune so that it can honor the terms of this sales contract.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



William M. Johnson
Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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