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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 15-0563

CITY of BALTIMORE

MEMO



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

October 27, 2015

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0563, Sale of Property – a Portion of the former bed of Cardiff Avenue, for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land located in Block 6840 adjacent to Lot 1/22 that is part of the former bed of Cardiff Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

In the 1950's the bed of Cardiff Ave. east of Ponca St. was closed for part of the right of way for the Harbor Tunnel, which was under construction at the time. The City retained part of the bed adjacent to Ponca that was believed to have been previously conveyed to the State, now the current owner and operator of the Harbor Tunnel. The property will officially be conveyed to the State, as originally intended, who will in turn convey the property to a private company for development.

DOT has supports this bill as it will officially complete the conveyance of a property thought to have been done years before. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

William M. Johnson

Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

