


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Frank J. Murphy, Acting Director	CITY of BALTIMORE	MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527			
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 16-0654			

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

May 19, 2016

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0654 Sale of Property – Block 4756A, Lots 001A and 001B (2000 West cold Spring Lane and Right of Way at West Cold Spring Lane) for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain properties known as Block 4756A, Lots 001A and 001B (2000 West Cold Spring Lane and right of way at West Cold Spring Lane) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The properties proposed for sale are located in an area located to the west of the Jones Falls Expressway and Light Rail rights-of-way, and to the north of Cold Spring Lane. The Baltimore Development Corporation introduced this sales ordinance to facilitate the relocation of an existing BGE substation currently located along West Old Cold Spring Lane to a portion of what is known as the Camp Small site. In exchange, BGE will convey an approximately 16 acre site (known as the Melvale Open Space) to the City, located south of West Cold Spring Lane and adjacent to the Jones Falls and the Light Rail right-of-way, along with an option for the City to purchase an adjacent 10 acre site (known as the Melvale Development Parcel).

Approval of City Council Bill 16-0654 will enable a Land Disposition and Swap Agreement between BGE and the City to go forward, creating more usable open space and providing the potential for future transit oriented development to occur in this area. Several sanitary sewer lines are in the vicinity of Lots 001A and 001B that could be affected by the proposed sale. Should these or other public utilities fall within the land area proposed for sale to BGE, full width easements would need to be included in the land conveyance for the continued protection of and access to the utilities.

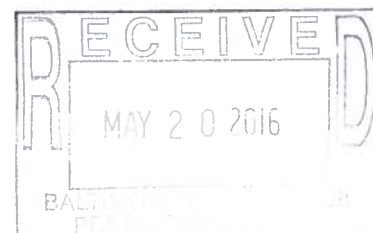
DOT has no objection to the passage of this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

*Frank Murphy*

Frank J. Murphy  
Acting Director



FJM/PAF

Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

*No obj*