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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0682

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

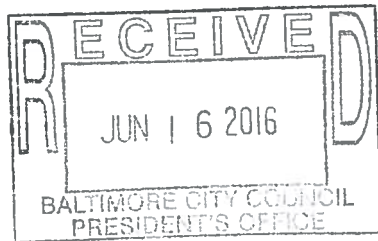
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0682 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Transportation).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize 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 the former bed of a portion of West Franklin Street, extending from Allendale Street easterly 105 feet to the east side of a 15-foot alley, and no longer needed for public use.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) owned the Allendale public housing development located at 3600 West Franklin Street. A surface parking lot is part of this development, providing parking to its residents. A portion of the parking spaces are located on the south side of West Franklin Street between Allendale Street and a 15-foot alley adjacent to the Allendale development. The northern portion of this group of parking spaces lies within the West Franklin Street right-of-way.

Enterprise Homes, Inc. is the new owner and developer of this former HABC property. The new owner/developer will be completing interior improvements to the existing structure. Under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, Enterprise Homes, Inc. would like to purchase the portion of right-of-way with the residents' parking spaces to secure their continued use. City Council Bill 16-0682 would allow for the sale of this right-of-way, provided companion legislation (CCB 16-0681) is approved to close the right-of-way to public use. Utility records show water mains and sewer pipes in West Franklin Street but they do not appear to lie within the proposed closure area.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0682 provided the companion legislation granting closure of the right-of-way is approved.



Sincerely,

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