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DATE: May 4, 2018

TO: Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

TO: Respective City Council Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 18-0227 - City Streets - Closing - Wilcox Street and 5 Alleys Bounded by

East Chase Street, Ensor Street, East Eager Street, and Valley Street

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> – For the purpose of condemning and closing Wilcox Street and 5 alleys bounded by East Chase Street, Ensor Street, East Eager Street, and Valley Street, as shown on Plat 331-A-15A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> – The Department of Housing and Community Development as the owner of the property and adjoining properties has petitioned this Department to close various streets and alleys/vicinity of Wilcox and five alleys bounded by East Chase Street, Ensor Street, East Eager Street, and Valley Street, lying within the Johnston Square neighborhood.

<u>BRIEF HISTORY</u> – The portion of streets to be closed to revitalize the Johnston Square neighborhood and improve and expand the Ambrose Kennedy Park, this closing will allow for consolidation of the lots, this closing will formally and legally allow this to occur. The opening and closing of streets and alleys are covered under Article 26, Subtitle 3 –Opening, Widening, Closing Streets of the Baltimore City Code.

<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION</u> – The Department of Transportation supports City Council Bill 18-0227, and respectfully requests a favorable report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David Framm, he may be reached at david.framm@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-5023.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pourciau

Director