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|             | SUBJECT               | City Council Bill 19-0436  | мемо      |  |

DATE: 11/27/19

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

TO: Housing & Urban Affairs Committee FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: Council Bill - 19-0436

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> – City Streets - Closing - Three 10-Foot Alleys

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> – For the purpose of condemning and closing (1) a 10-foot alley extending from the west side of Delaware Avenue Southwesterly 128.5 feet, more or less, (2) a 10-foot alley extending from the northwest side of Virginia Avenue Northwesterly 395.0 feet, more or less, to the southeast side of Woodland Avenue, and (3) a 10-foot alley extending from the west side of Delaware Avenue Southwesterly 198.5 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 298-A-17A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

<u>COMMENTS</u> – Council Bill 19-0436 looks to close three 10-foot alleys in the Northwest Baltimore community of Park Heights. The 10-foots alleys to be closed are currently accessible via Woodland Avenue, Delaware Avenue and Virginia Avenue. The formal closure of these three 10-foot alleys will allow for the consolidation of parcels, the majority of which are owned by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore. Parcel consolidation ultimately is expected to make the site more attractive for redevelopment.

The Department of Transportation does not foresee any fiscal or operational impacts associated with the passage of Council Bill 19-0436.

<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION</u> – The Department of Transportation supports City Council Bill 19-0436.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis via email at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey

Director