



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *Nadya Morgan* for

Date: July 16, 2020

**Re: City Council Bill 20-0538 City Streets - Closing - 2 Portions of East Cromwell Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0538 for the purpose of condemning and closing 2 portions of East Cromwell Street between the south side of East McComas Street and the east side of West Peninsula Drive, as shown on Plat 347-A-77 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Planning was asked to comment on City Council Bill 20-0538 and recommended that it be approved by the City Council. Additionally, at its regular meeting of April 16, 2020, the Planning Commission voted to approve a companion Bill, 20-0511 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 parcels of land known as the former bed of Cromwell Street.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0538 will allow for the realignment and reconstruction of Cromwell Street, a necessary step for the implementation of the Port Covington Master Plan.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 20-0538.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*