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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0364	MEMO	

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TO:

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

## **INTRODUCTION**

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0364 introduced by Council President Scott on behalf of the Administration (Department of Transportation).

## **PURPOSE**

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 variable width alley located between two 10-foot alleys and bounded by Boone Street, East  $22^{nd}$  Street, Greenmount Avenue, and East  $23^{rd}$  Street, and no longer needed for public use; and to provide for a special effective date.

#### **BRIEF HISTORY**

The Mother Seaton Academy is located at 2215 Greenmount Avenue in Baltimore City. To the rear of the Academy is the variable width alley described in this legislation. As noted, it is within the block bounded by Greenmount Avenue, Boone Street, East 23<sup>rd</sup> and East 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets. The variable width alley is the subject of two companion bills, City Council Bill 19-0362 and 19-0363, which would open and close this alley to public use, respectively. It is this Department's understanding that the Mother Seaton Academy wishes to gain access to this area to allow for the construction of a new gymnasium for the school.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

No significant fiscal impacts are anticipated to be experienced by this Department with the passage of this legislation. Text in the legislation (lines 4 and 5 on page 2 of the bill) provides protection via a full width easement for any municipal utilities or services that are not to be abandoned.

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# **AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION**

The Department of Public Works has no objections to the passage of City Council Bill 19-0364, provided that the opening and closing companion City Council Bills are approved and enacted.

Matthew W. Garbark Acting Director

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