October 26, 2020

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 20-0523 – City Streets – Closing – A Portion of West 24th

Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0523 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill condemns and closes a 13.5-foot wide portion of West 24th Street. It provides for an immediate effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,



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Chief Solicitor

cc: Dana Moore, Acting City Solicitor

Matt Stegman, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison

Caylin Young, President’s Legislative Director

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