

Subject: Test

Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution No. _____-2022 declaring that a portion of certain real property consisting of approximately 0.042 acres of US 1 (Washington Boulevard) at Pine Avenue and owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the State Highway Administration ("SHA") in exchange for the appraised value; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the County Code in connection with the property's conveyance; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the County's interest in the property if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins.

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

Thomas J. Meunier, Director

Department of Public Works

Date:

September 22, 2022

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony: i) declaring that approximately 0.042 acres of real property owned by Howard County is no longer needed for public purposes; ii) authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to the adjacent property owner, The State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration ("SHA") as part of the construction of new sidewalks along US 1 and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the County's interest in the property if he finds that the property may have a further public use; and iii) to facilitate construction of the sidewalks, authorizing the establishment of approximately 0.007 acres of temporary construction easement adjacent to the real property to be conveyed.

The County is the owner of approximately 0.042 acres of land (the "Property to be Conveyed"), located within US 1 (Washington Boulevard) and Pine Avenue and shown on State of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration State Roads Commission Plat No. 61871 attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which was acquired by the County from: i) Monroe Clay Colonna and Ruby V. Colonna by Deed dated January 22, 1954 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland at Liber 254, page 1; and ii) Imper Realty by a Deed dated March 27, 1995 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland at Liber 3533, folio 542 (collectively the "Property").

Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer Page – 2

The SHA owns the adjacent land and needs to acquire the Property to be Conveyed in fee simple in order complete the bicycle and pedestrian safety project on US Route 1. In addition, the SHA needs to acquire approximately 0.007 acres of temporary construction easement along US 1, which shall revert to the County upon completion of construction. The County has determined that the Property to be Conveyed is no longer needed for a public purpose and the proposed temporary easement has been approved. The County will agree to transfer the Property to be Conveyed and establish the proposed temporary easement subject to the payment of the appraised value of \$19,650.00.

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Representatives of this Department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager File