

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution No. <u>CR107</u> - 2015 declaring that a portion of a Public Traffic Signal Accessory Device and Utility Easement comprising approximately 0.0183 acres and located along Broken Land Parkway is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the underlying property owner; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon the easement if he finds that the easement may have a further public use.

*To:* Lonnie R. Robbins Chief Administrative Officer

*From:* James M. Irvin, Director  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{i}}$  Department of Public Works

*Date:* May 21, 2015

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to the termination of a Public Traffic Signal Accessory Device and Utility Easement located at 11100 Broken Land Parkway, Columbia, Maryland.

By Deed and Agreement dated June 21, 2000 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County at Liber 5137, folio 377, The Howard Research and Development Corporation conveyed Traffic Signal Accessory Device and Utility Easements (the "Easement") to the County as required for Capital Project T-7047.

The current owner of the property, Parcel C Property, LLC, has submitted a Revision Plat entitled, "Revision Plat, Downtown Columbia, Warfield Neighborhood, Parcels C-1, C-2, C-4 and D-1 and Columbia Town Center, Lot 40, Section 2, Area 1" to the County for its consideration. The Revision Plat terminates a 0.0183 acre portion of the Easement and re-conveys a new easement area to the County.

The Departments of Public Works and Planning and Zoning have reviewed and approved the proposed termination of the easement.

The County did not pay for the Easement and a new easement is being conveyed to the County at no cost, therefore there is no fiscal impact.

Attached is a Resolution requesting approval for the termination of a portion of the Easement and vesting title to the underlying property owner, Parcel C Property, LLC.

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

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