

# City of Detroit

## CITY COUNCIL

**GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO**  
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6


### MEMORANDUM

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TO: David Bell, Director  
Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department

Ron Brundidge, Director  
Department of Public Works

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: October 2, 2024

RE: Bagley Street Alley Closure

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Residents of Hubbard and Vinewood Streets and members of the Hubbard Farms Neighborhood Association have contacted my office with concerns about a recent alley closure. The alley that runs parallel in-between Hubbard and Vinewood, beginning on the north side at Bagley St., is 1000 feet long, lined with garages, and now only has one egress/ingress after a traffic barrier was installed at the south end of the alley. The alley has maintained two-way access for decades. Residents would like clarity on the reason for the closure, and the possibility of reopening two-way access.

Please provide a detailed response for the following questions.

1. Was the construction of the parking lot at 3928 Porter completed with the approval of BSEED?
2. Was the construction of the parking lot at 3928 Porter completed with the approval of DPW?
3. What happened to the 10ft alley/ROW that fed from Hubbard St. eastward, behind the homes on Porter, curving/right south out onto Porter?
4. Was this alley vacated? If so, when?
5. Is it up to code for alleys to have a single egress/ingress to the public right of way? Is it safe?
6. Is it common for alleys in the city to have a single egress/ingress to the public right of way?
7. Can privately-owned land be used to access public rights of way? If so, are there examples of this in the city?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office  
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison