

BILL NO. BL2019-1520 (ALLEN & O'CONNELL) – This ordinance, as amended, would authorize the complete closure of a portion of 24th Avenue South on the Vanderbilt University campus to all traffic except emergency vehicles in order to create a walking district and to increase pedestrian and biking safety.

Ordinance No. BL2000-278, as amended, closed eight alleys and three streets located on the Vanderbilt University campus, conditioned upon Vanderbilt continuing to permit those alleys and streets to be used by members of the public as a right-of-way. That ordinance closed the following streets:

- Alley #636 from 25th Avenue South to its terminus slightly beyond 24th Avenue South;
- Alley #638 from 25th Avenue South to its terminus at Alley #603;
- Alley #603 from Kirkland Place to its terminus at Alley #638;
- Alley #911 from 28th Avenue South to its terminus at Alley #914;
- Alley #914 from 28th Avenue South to its terminus at Alley #911 and from Alley #913 to its western terminus, but not section over near 29th Avenue South;
- Alley #912 from 28th Avenue South to its terminus at Alley #913;
- Alley #913 from 28th Avenue South to its terminus at Alley #912;
- 24th Avenue South between West End Avenue and its terminus at Alley #636 and between Highland Avenue to its terminus at Garland Avenue;
- Kirkland Place from 25th Avenue South to its terminus; and
- Garland Avenue from 25th Avenue South to its terminus at 24th Avenue South.

BL2000-278 also provided that Vanderbilt would continue to permit Garland Avenue and the portion of 24th Avenue South to be used by members of the public as right-of-way.

The ordinance under consideration would amend BL2000-278 to remove the language that permits the portion of 24th Avenue South to be used by the public as right-of-way, thereby closing that portion of 24th Avenue South to all vehicular traffic except emergency vehicles.

Vanderbilt would be responsible for maintaining the street to the same standards applicable to the Metropolitan Government, and would further indemnify Metro for all costs and claims occurring on the closed portion.