Hi Valerie,

I live at 5 Hickory Drive in Stamford and moved here from Westchester in 2012.

The traffic issues at rush hour trying to get to the train station has been a nightmare and seems to be getting worse.

I do not take the train on a daily basis but when I do, my wife would always drives me to the train and picks me up.

Many times when my train was getting in around 6:00pm, my wife would have to allow 30 minutes for a 5 minute drive. One of the selling points of buying a house in Southfield Point, Dolphin cove and Davenport Point is the proximity to the Stamford train station. It will hurt our values if word gets out of the time it takes to get to the station.

This will only get worse when Charter opens it doors.

Please tell the Board of Reps to give the city to the right to negotiate a deal with the owner of 21 Pulaski Street.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Frank Angelilli 5 Hickory Drive Stamford CT 06902 917-628-8725

From:	Missvicki39
To:	Rosenson, Valerie
Cc:	missvicki39@aol.com
Subject:	Waterside Traffic Issue
Date:	Monday, December 02, 2019 12:03:28 PM

Dear Ms Rosenson,

I am a resident of Dolphin Cove and am extremely upset that the promise plan to alleviate our paralyzing traffic woes is in jeopardy.

The city has allowed an exorbitant amount of development in our (once quiet and peaceful) neighborhood and now to threaten to withdraw the much needed traffic alterations is absolutely unacceptable! While the city reaps the tax dollar benefits of all this new development, we the residents who arguably pay the highest taxes in the entire city, will pay the price in safety, hassle, headaches, time, stress and frustration. Has anyone on your committee witnessed the long lines of traffic in and around the intersection?? It's unbearable and we have been waiting years for this promised construction to begin!

I cannot attend this meeting tonight but please heed my passionate plea and do the right thing for us.

Thank you,

Victoria Maloney Bastis 122 Dolphin Cove QuayStamford, CT Dear Ms. Rosenson,

Would you kindly distribute my note to the full board in advance of tonight's meeting? My wife and I are in St. Louis with family and won't be able to attend tonight, but would like our story told to the board.

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We bought a home on Southfield Avenue four years ago because we believed in Stamford. We loved the activity of a big city, the diversity, the great projects that are transforming the city before our eyes.

What we did not anticipate was the traffic. I work in Norwalk and most of my commute is spent just getting to i95. We have a newborn and she often breaks down in the car because it will take up to 45 minutes to get to the Pediatric Center on Morgan Street. I think most residents in our area agree that traffic is the biggest problem.

That's why the work Jim Travers has been doing in the city is so important to us. That's why we attended numerous community meetings where the roundabout, circulator, and Pulaski street improvements were discussed. That's why we decided to stick it out in the neighborhood.

I ask the full board to consider the needs of our entire community here in Waterside and do what it takes to fix the traffic nightmare that our community has become. The purpose of government is to serve the people - and that's what we're asking you to do today. Please don't let one negotiation, one person looking for a payout, force the whole community to suffer.

Best, Andrew Kaminski Southfield Avenue December 2, 2019

Valerie,

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

It has been brought to my attention that the proposed Pulaski Street circle construction may potentially be placed on hold or scrapped altogether. As a local resident who is personally affected by the horrendous traffic problem in that area, I am writing with the hope that my support of the project may possibly help to keep the project on track. We basically have no civilized way out of our neighborhood in Davenport Point on most weekdays throughout the year. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting this evening. Thanks for your time.

Brian Morris 37 Cook Road Stamford, CT 06902 203.249.6389

John Track
waterside@watersidecoalition.org; Rosenson, Valerie
Virgil de la Cruz; Jerry Silber; William Wright
Re: WATERSIDE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
Monday, December 02, 2019 12:13:16 PM
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Thank you, Virgil. I will attend the meeting tonight and plan to share my comments in writing. A summary of what I am looking to address:

My name is John Track and I am in favor of passing LU30.032

I work in Waterside on Top Gallant Rd. I commute by bicycle whenever I can despite the risk created by the poor infrastructure.

Waterside has a critical need for improved roads.

Not passing LU30.032 keeps Waterside from better roads.

Delays in progress have kept Waterside Pl between Davenport and Pulaski closed and that has increased congestion. The city has a plan for how to improve the flow of people and I support more equitable infrastructure

Selleck, Davenport, Greenwich Ave, and Henry St are all part of a national project, the East Coast Greenway

In the last meeting there was no mention of road users: pedestrian, bicyclists, bus users (324) and these are all stakeholders in the community. Walking from the South End to Waterside could be a lovely experience and instead it is currently extremely dangerous.

https://map.greenway.org/?loc=16,41.04255,-73.54349&route=41.76399,-72.67233



https://www.cttransit.com/sites/default/files/maps/division/stamford\_local\_8-16.pdf



On Sun, Dec 1, 2019 at 3:36 PM <<u>waterside@watersidecoalition.org</u>> wrote: Dear Waterside Neighbor,

I hope that you and yours enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Further to my recent email, the attached Advocate article provides background on how we got in this situation.

It is very important that concerned residents communicate to the full Board the need for these traffic improvements.

Comments can be sent to the Board Office- Ms. Rosenson Valerie, Legislative Officer, <u>vrosenson@stamfordct.gov</u>, by noon Monday morning, requesting distribution to the full Board. This gives Board members a chance to read your comments before the 8 pm meeting. If you can attend the meeting, for further effect you can read your comments in person to the Board and hand them to the clerk for the record. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes (possibly 2 if there are too many speakers) it is best to have comments in writing to ensure you get your points in. Plan to arrive about 10 to 15 minutes early to ensure a place on the speakers list.

• The traffic plan has evolved and fine-tuned for over ten years with the expertise of traffic engineers from the City, the State, and independent traffic consultants.

• The Planning and Zoning Boards approved buildings on Southfield

Avenue which added well over700 apartments under the expectations that this plan would be implemented.

For the entire plan to work as intended widening of the Washington Blvd. and Pulaski Street intersection is required, otherwise the traffic jam at that intersection will propagate towards the roundabout, defeating the design.

Not passing a resolution to allow the City to negotiate for the necessary rights-of-way along Washington Blvd. and Pulaski Street compromises the project. State and City legislation ensure a fair, good faith process.

• There is a safety issue: a high rate of vehicular accidents and delay of emergency vehicles.

• The traffic problem has been recognized for well over ten years now, and keeps getting worse.

Employers at the Sound View Farms office park and others are growing impatient with the traffic bottleneck, and may vacate (as Pitney Bowes did the south End), putting hundreds of jobs at risk.

• The developer of the Gateway Project (just south of the train station) has a \$2 million obligation to do the roadway work. That obligation expires if the City cannot acquire the required rights of way by the time the Charter Communications building is ready for occupancy in about a year and a half.

Not passing the required resolution puts at risk a much needed and meticulously designed traffic plan, a \$2 million road work developer contribution, hundreds of jobs, prevents road safety improvements, and continues inconveniencing the thousands of people that travel the area on a daily basis.

Please share the above with as many neighbors as you can. Hope you can attend and speak at the meeting, if not please email your concerns as outlined above.

Sincerely,

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

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