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March 14, 2005 File Number 105.11-05.002

Valerie Pankosky
City Of Stamford
Board of Representative
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

Re: **Requesting approval for the City to proceed with THE ACQUISTION BY NEGOTIATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY PROJECT in a manner consistent with the Mayor's Report and the Final Report of the Director of Administration**

Dear Ms. Pankosky

As you are aware, this project received approval of Resolution LR26.049 on May 3, 2004 specifically authorizing the Mayor to go through the charter-mandated process of having the Office of Operations and Director of Administration to begin reports of engineering, surveys, plans, profiles, specifications, cost estimates, estimates of value of any land proposed to be taken and the amount of damages which should be assessed in favor of each piece of property affected.

The Office of Administration completed the assessment of property to be acquired, including damages and the benefits to each property owner in December 2004. This assessment of price was mailed to all property owners via certified mail, informing each owner of the assessment and notice of time and place to be heard in respect to the assessment. A public notice of the assessment and time and place of hearing was published in the Stamford Advocate on December 24, 26 and 28, 2004. To date, the City has met with all property owners for the initial negotiation of acquisition.

My office in conjunction with the URC is requesting that the Board of Representatives declares pursuant to Charter Sec. 8-60-7 that it accepts the Final Report of the Director of Administration and that the public necessity, safety, health and welfare require that the Stamford Urban Transitway project go forward, and that the Board of Representatives exercise its powers under Sec. 8-60-1, et seq, and instructs the City to proceed with the Stamford Urban Transitway project in a manner consistent with the Mayor's Report and the Final Report of the Director of Administration.

Pursuant to Charter Sec. 8-60-5, concerning the amounts that should be paid for each piece of property, a copy of the report as approved by the Director of Administration is attached. Please note that the Mayor's Report which was

submitted to the Director of Administration for his review and approval is on file in the Engineering Bureau. The Mayor's report contains the preliminary engineering, surveys, plans, profiles, specifications and cost estimates.

Please add this request to approve the final report to the agenda of the appropriate committee as designated by the Board's steering committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Louis Casolo, P.E. - Assistant City Engineer

Attachments

CC: Dannel Malloy – Mayor
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