

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
BY NEGOTIATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN
OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE ROADWAY WIDENING OF
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND PULASKI STREET

WHEREAS, the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department proposes the roadway widening of Washington Boulevard, between Henry Street and Atlantic Street and Pulaski Street, between Washington Boulevard and the Pulaski Street Bridge (the "Project") to facilitate the completion of a long range plan to improve transportation and traffic operations around the Stamford Transportation Center, within the South-end and connect to the City's 5M+ investment in the Waterside neighborhood. The many benefits of the project include improved safety and roadway operations on Washington Boulevard, between the Henry Street and Atlantic Street; the creation of one continuous and uniform roadway cross-section south of the Stamford Transportation Center to Pulaski Street; the addition of roadway capacity south of Pulaski Street; and the lengthening of turn-bays on the Pulaski Street approach to Washington Boulevard. The widening of both roadways will include accommodations for all roadway users as required by the City's Complete Streets Ordinance adopted in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Project would require property acquisitions, including the full-take acquisition of 21 Pulaski Street and three (3) partial take "sliver roadway widening" acquisitions (4 Pulaski Street, 256 Washington Boulevard and 274 Washington Boulevard) in addition to temporary constructions easements to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department identified an opportunity to facilitate the Project improvements during the Planning/Zoning review process for Charter's World Headquarters. As a result the entirety of the construction of the Project will be funded by Charter Communications Holding Company LLC to satisfy zoning conditions for its world headquarters. The company has agreed to complete the Project at its cost (estimated to be approximately \$1,900,000) prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for Building 2 (should the right-of-way be acquired in a timely manner); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Bureau has prepared or caused to be prepared preliminary taking maps for the four (4) parcels required for the Project right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has held a public hearing on {month/day/year} after publication in the local newspaper on {month/day/year}, to authorize the acquisition or condemnation of the parcels necessary for the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Representatives hereby declares pursuant to Charter Sections 1-50-1 and 8-60-1 and 8-60-3 that the public necessity, safety, health and welfare may require that the Project be undertaken; and

THAT the Mayor, Office of Operations and Director of Administration are hereby instructed to prepare a report pursuant to Charter Sections 8-60-3, 8-60-4 and 8-60-5; and

THAT such report include engineering, surveys, plans, profiles, specifications, cost estimates, estimates of the 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; and

THAT such report shall be filed for public inspection, mailed to all interested persons and that all interested persons be provided with notice of a time and place to be heard in respect to the price of any land proposed to be taken or acquired or in respect to the assessment of damages; and

THAT the Director of Administration shall make a final report to the Board of Representatives pursuant to Charter Sec. 8-60-5 concerning the amounts that should be paid for each of the properties and the cost of the Project.

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