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FROM: James Travers
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DATE: October 11, 2019

RE: ACQUISITION BY NEGOTIATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR
THE ROADWAY WIDENING OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND PULASKI
STREET

The Bureau of Transportation, Traffic and Parking proposes the roadway widening of Washington Boulevard, between Henry Street and Atlantic Street as well as 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 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.

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.

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department identified an opportunity to facilitate these 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).

Final design is anticipated to be completed soon after the right-of-way is acquired with construction commencing Spring 2020. The roadways will remain open during the Project and access to businesses, residential homes and the Stamford Transportation Center will be maintained at all times.

The completion of the Project will complete the Bureau's long standing plan to improve mobility through this critical corridor that connects the Stamford Transportation Center, the South-end and the Waterside Community.