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Mayor Michael Pavia
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Re: Proposed Discontinuance of a Portion of Henry Street

Dear Mayor Pavia:

At its meeting of June 15, 2010, the Planning Board reviewed the Mayor's Report on the Proposed Discontinuance of a portion of Henry Street (West End) dated June 3, 2010, the Director of Administration's Report and the Public Meeting Minutes, dated June 15, 2010 plus correspondence from concerned parties. In addition to staff comments, Laure Aubuchon, Director of Economic Development reviewed the street discontinuance proposal and responded to concerns and questions.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the discontinuance of the westerly portion of Henry Street. The Board determined that the proposed discontinuance is consistent with the Master Plan as amended in 2009. Furthermore, the Board agreed that any future connection between the South End and Waterside should not be located at the westerly terminus of Henry Street, due to the potential traffic impacts on the street network to the north and the disruptive impact of the conversion of Henry Street into a major east/west thoroughfare on the residential properties fronting on Henry Street to the east.

The Planning Board does recognize that there are legitimate transportation concerns in the South End. We urge the developer of the Gateway Project, along with the City, State and other major stakeholders to work together to develop a coordinated response to the traffic and transportation issues in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


Theresa Dell, Chair

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