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June 29, 2006

TO: SEE ATTACHED LIST

RE: **STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY – PHASE II PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC HEARING – JULY 13, 2006**

Dear Owner/resident:

You are cordially invited to attend **the Public Hearing held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at the Rogers Magnet School Auditorium located at 82 Lockwood Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902.** The meeting place is accessible to the physically impaired.

Attached is a flyer with the project summary, and a reduced plan of the preferred alternative. A large-scale display of the preferred alternative project concept plans for the Stamford Urban Transitway Phase II, as proposed by the City of Stamford, will be available for public inspection only at the City Engineering Bureau located on the 7th Floor of 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M. Also, attached is a copy of the Legal Notice and the Display Advertisement.

The Public Hearing will be concerning the City's preferred project plans for the Project, including the identification of property that will be potentially affected by the project and related environmental issues. The project will create a vehicular transitway for buses and high occupancy vehicles along the south side of the Metro North Railroad tracks from Elm Street to East Main Street. As part of this project, Myrtle Avenue and East Main Street will be widened to accommodate dedicated BUS/HOV lanes. The curb lanes will be for exclusive use of buses, vanpools, taxis, limousines, and other HOV vehicles twenty four hours a day / seven days a week. Other improvements will be made to enhance safety, lane configuration, street geometry, drainage and sidewalks. The estimated construction cost is forty million (\$40,000,000) dollars.

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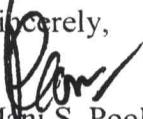
The Draft Environmental Assessment and project plans can be viewed through the project web link <http://www.cityofstamford.org/Engineering/UrbanTransitway/Phase2/>.

"THE CITY THAT WORKS"

Written statements or exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing, may be mailed or delivered to the office of Mr. Louis Casolo, Project Manager, 888 Washington Boulevard, City of Stamford, Stamford, CT 06901 no later than 4:00 p.m. July 21, 2006. Such written comments or exhibits must be reproducible in black and white and on paper not to exceed 8½" x 11" in size. These written statements or exhibits will be made part of the Public Hearing Transcript and will be considered equivalent to oral statements.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



Mani S. Poola
Project Engineer

Cc: Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor
Timothy Curtin Jr., Director of Operations
Antonio Iadarola, City Engineer
Louis Casolo, Project Manager
Board of Representatives

LEGAL NOTICE

STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY – PHASE II

In accordance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Policy on Public Involvement, The DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT and 4(f) EVALUATION prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321 et seq, and the State of Connecticut Environmental Policy Act, Sections 22a-1a-12 inclusive, will be available for public inspection between June 20, 2006 and July 20, 2006 at all Stamford Public Libraries; the Town Clerk's Office located in the Main Lobby of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, and the Project Manager's office located in the Engineering Bureau on the 7th Floor of 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford. The City of Stamford is sponsoring a Public Hearing concerning the potential environmental and property impacts of the Stamford Urban Transitway, Phase II. The project will extend the Stamford Urban Transitway Phase I from Elm Street to East Main Street, and improve East Main Street between Myrtle Avenue and Lockwood Avenue. **The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M., on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at the Rogers Magnet School Auditorium located on Lockwood Avenue, Stamford.** This project is being developed under the New Starts Program, a Federal and local cooperative program to improve transit access to the Stamford Transportation Center, an Intermodal Facility, as well as improve the transportation circulation and safety of the general public.

It is the policy of the City of Stamford and the FTA to keep the public informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community be provided an opportunity to share its concerns and guide the project designers in addressing the local community needs and concerns through the implementation of appropriate, necessary and economically feasible measures to benefit the community in addition to achieving the project's goals.

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The Draft Environmental Assessment and project plans can be viewed through the project web link <http://www.cityofstamford.org/Engineering/UrbanTransitway/Phase2/>. Anyone interested in obtaining a single copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment and 4(f) Evaluation documentation should submit a written request to Mr. Louis Casolo, Project Manager, 888 Washington Boulevard, City of Stamford, Stamford, CT 06901, or contact him at (203) 977-5796, or Ms. Laura Labosky, Project Coordinator at (203) 977-5901. Limit one (1) copy per person.

The City of Stamford staff will be available an hour prior to and after the Public Hearing to answer questions regarding the project.

All interested persons are welcome to attend this Public Hearing.

DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
A PUBLIC HEARING ON

THE STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY – PHASE II
CONSTRUCTION OF AN IMPROVED FACILITY ON MYRTLE AVENUE

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006
AT 7:00 P.M.

AT
THE ROGERS MAGNET SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
82 LOCKWOOD AVENUE
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

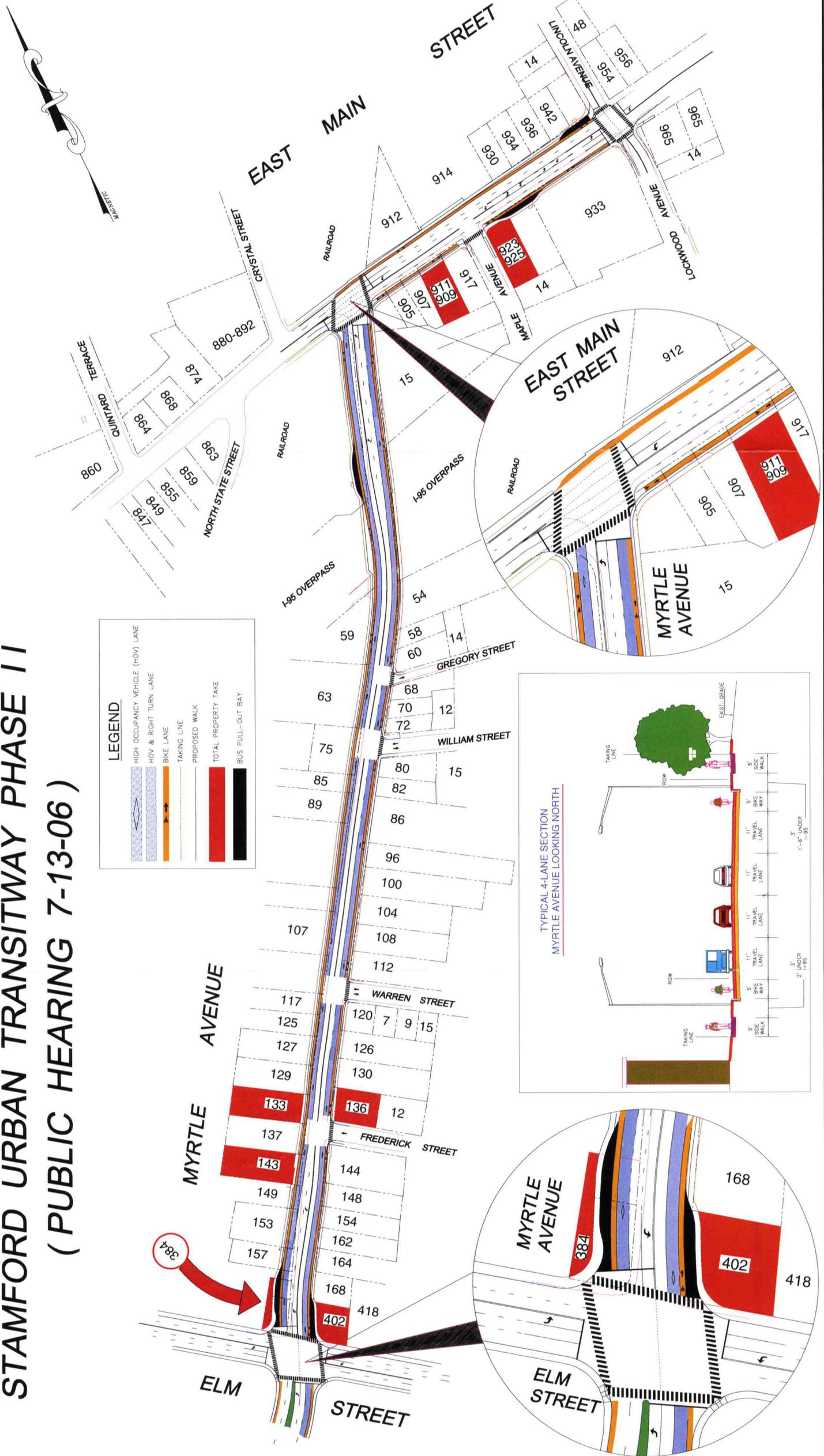
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A larger display of the project plans proposed by the City of Stamford will be available for public inspection only at the Engineering Bureau located on the 7th Floor of 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT, between Monday and Friday, 8:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M.

Residents, business owners, commuters, and
other interested individuals are encouraged to
take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the
STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY – PHASE II
A facility proposed in the City of Stamford.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006
City of Stamford, Office of Operations

STAMFORD URBAN TRANSITWAY PHASE II (PUBLIC HEARING 7-13-06)



LEGEND

- HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE
- HOV & RIGHT TURN LANE
- BIKE LANE
- TAKING LINE
- PROPOSED WALK
- TOTAL PROPERTY TAKE
- BUS PULL-OUT BAY

