

RESOLUTION

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Item # 32710

RE: Complete Streets Master Plan for Downtown New Britain

(Above for Town Clerk's Use Only)

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:

the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, The Center for Transit-Oriented Development is a national leader in promoting more livable and sustainable urban communities and defines transit oriented development (T.O.D.) as being about creating attractive, walkable, sustainable communities that allow residents to have housing and transportation choices to live convenient, affordable, and pleasant lives;

WHEREAS, Transit-Oriented Development opportunities exist within walking distance (typically defined as one-half mile) of a transit station, and the Center for Transit-Oriented Development cites a performance-based approach for TOD projects that: (1) Create a sense of place, (2) Increase "location efficiency" so people can walk and bike and take transit, (3) Provide a rich mix of housing, shopping, and transportation choices, (4) Generate revenue for the public and private sectors and provide value for both new and existing residents;

WHEREAS, Downtown New Britain has the mix of many favorable land uses needed to support future TOD within a half mile of the CTfastrak downtown station, but suffers from an overbuilt road network that is not pedestrian friendly, bicycle friendly, and that lacks a consistent and attractive sense of place;

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Public Act No. 09-154 state that from funds received by the department or any municipality for the construction, restoration, rehabilitation or relocation of highways, roads or streets, a reasonable amount shall be expended to provide facilities for all users, including, but not limited to, bikeways and sidewalks with appropriate curb cuts and ramps.


WHEREAS, In 2011 the City was awarded a HUD Sustainable Communities Grant for \$212,500 to develop a Complete Streets Master Plan for Downtown New Britain that had a goal of creating a more attractive, pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment in the downtown area to help create an environment with a greater potential for TOD to occur;

WHEREAS, The planning work associated with the Complete Streets Master Plan for Downtown New Britain was overseen by a Downtown Streetscape Working Group that was comprised of a diverse group of public and private stakeholders all with a shared interest in the future success of downtown New Britain;

WHEREAS, The Complete Streets Master Plan for Downtown New Britain was completed in 2013, and to date has resulted in the city being awarded over \$9 million in competitive grant awards toward funding the construction projects identified in the master plan;

RESOLVED, The New Britain Common Council supports the Complete Streets Master Plan for Downtown New Britain and the design decisions identified within this master plan, as well as supports adopting a complete streets approach for design and construction activities on New Britain's city streets consistent with Public Act No. 09-154.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. 

Alderman Eva Magnuszewski 

Alderman Don Naples

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

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Re: COMPLETE STREETS MASTER PLAN
FOR DOWNTOWN NEW BRITAIN

Ald. Cariozzi moved to accept and
adopt, seconded by Ald. Magnuszewski.
So voted.



City Clerk

APPROVED



Mayor

April 24, 2014