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Investing in New Britain's Future

By Mayor Bobby Sanchez

Every improvement we make, from paving a neighborhood street, enhancing a park, opening a new business, or strengthening public safety, is guided by one goal: building a safer, stronger, and more vibrant New Britain.

This summer, we've continued making meaningful investments that residents can see and experience every day. Road paving projects are improving neighborhoods across the city, while our new speed hump pilot program at A.W. Stanley Park is helping address speeding concerns and improve safety for families, children, and pedestrians. As we evaluate the results, we plan to expand these traffic calming measures to additional locations where residents have consistently raised concerns. These are the kinds of quality-of-life improvements our community has asked for, and they reflect our commitment to making every neighborhood safer.

One of our most significant milestones this month is the announcement of major safety and security enhancements at the Downtown New Britain CTfastrak station. After hearing concerns from residents, commuters, business owners, and downtown stakeholders, my administration brought those concerns directly to Governor Lamont and state leaders. Together, we secured important investments that will improve lighting, surveillance, security presence, and the overall environment around the station. These improvements represent an important step in creating a safer, more welcoming downtown for everyone who lives, works, visits, or travels through our city. Strong downtowns are built on public confidence, and public safety will always remain our top priority.

Another major milestone this month was New Britain's selection for a $14.7 million federal BUILD Grant to advance long-awaited safety improvements along the Route 174 corridor on the East Side. This transformative investment will improve pedestrian safety, enhance traffic flow, strengthen connections between neighborhoods, and create a more welcoming gateway into our city. More than a transportation project, this is an investment in the people who live, work, and do business on the East Side every day.

From the day I took office, one of my administration's top priorities was to aggressively pursue state and federal grant opportunities that had too often gone untapped. We recognized that every dollar we could bring back to New Britain would reduce the burden on local taxpayers while allowing us to make meaningful investments in our community. This BUILD Grant is the

direct result of that strategy and the hard work of my administration. It did not happen by chance, it happened because we made grant development, partnership building, and long-term planning a priority. This is another significant win for New Britain and proof that when City Hall takes the initiative and competes for every available dollar, our residents benefit. It also fulfills a promise I made when I took office: that our administration would focus on the entire city, not just downtown. Whether it's the East Side, our neighborhoods, or our city center, every resident deserves to see progress and investment in their community.

By improving safety and accessibility while supporting future economic development, we're continuing to build infrastructure that serves our residents today and positions New Britain for tomorrow.

We're also continuing to invest in the places that bring our community together. At Stanley Quarter Park, we celebrated the launch of our new dragon paddle boat, giving residents another free way to enjoy one of our beautiful parks. At Batterson Park, another major investment has expanded recreational opportunities while preserving one of New Britain's greatest outdoor destinations. Along the Beeline Trail, a vibrant new mural is helping transform the corridor into an inviting public space that reflects the creativity and pride of our community.

This summer, we've welcomed new businesses that are investing in New Britain and creating jobs for our residents. Every ribbon cutting sends a clear message that our city is moving in the right direction and that businesses see opportunity here.

Just as importantly, our work to restore accountability at City Hall is far from over. The ongoing investigation continues, and as that work progresses, we continue to uncover new information, additional issues, and troubling challenges that require immediate action. With each new discovery, it becomes increasingly clear that rebuilding public confidence requires more than simply moving forward, it requires confronting the past and correcting it.

There is still much work ahead, but the direction is clear. Together, we are making New Britain safer, investing in our neighborhoods, strengthening our downtown, supporting local businesses, restoring accountability in City Hall, and creating a city where people are proud to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for believing in what we can accomplish together.

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