

1999 CPTC ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. THE COMMISSION COMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS SOLICITATION OF INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR A NEW PARKING GARAGE AT NEW HAVEN'S UNION STATION. SUCH PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE REVENUE GENERATING POTENTIAL OF THE FACILITIES TO LESSEN OR ELIMINATE THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, CONSERVE TAX DOLLARS AND ALSO BRING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEEDED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE SOONER THAN WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF EXCLUSIVELY PUBLIC FUNDING NEEDED TO BE BUDGETED FOR THE FACILITIES.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The Department continues to pursue public/private development strategies with respect to parking, rail stations and equipment. The Department, along with the Commission, looks forward to a future where assets are managed in a manner that benefits the travelling public through enhanced facilities at lower costs.