

June 13, 2008

Subject: Improvements to the Merritt Parkway/Rte. 7
and Merritt Parkway/Main Ave. Interchanges
Norwalk

This letter is being sent to you because you have expressed an interest in participating in smaller group meetings with the Department of Transportation (ConnDOT).

Please accept our appreciation for your interest in the project and your willingness to participate. While the project has had its challenges, we believe that continued community involvement will lead to a successful design, one that will best balance the various needs and constraints. With that in mind, it is clear to us that we need to meet with you and other “stakeholders.” We consider stakeholders to be those who may be affected by the project directly or indirectly, those who will use the transportation system in question, and those who are otherwise concerned with the outcome of the project, such as historic resource advocates and environmental advocates.

ConnDOT is about to embark on a series of stakeholders’ meetings. It is our hope that you will attend these meetings to learn more about the project from ConnDOT and its consultant, provide your insight and feedback, and interact with other stakeholders and the design team as the project design develops. We hope that the stakeholder group that has been formed (see the enclosed list) will provide a full range of perspectives and opinions. Its participation will be a great contribution to the project.

The first stakeholders’ meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 6:30 PM at the Norwalk City Hall in the Community Room. Of course, all interested parties are welcome to attend these meetings, and we’ll provide time in each meeting for public Q/A for those who are not part of the formal stakeholder group.

This project is important to the state, the region, and the City of Norwalk. Thank you again for your interest and involvement.

Please feel free to contact me at (860) 594-3189 or Thomas.harley@po.state.ct.us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable Robert Duff, State Senator
The Honorable Lawrence Cafero, State Representative
The Honorable Richard Moccia, Mayor, Norwalk
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