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**New Haven Development Commission
 Meeting
 Tuesday, March 9, 2010
 City Hall Meeting Room #3
 165 Church Street
 New Haven, Connecticut 06510**

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

Kevin Ewing
 Laura Huizar
 Kathleen Krolak
 Lawrence Morico
 Ryan Munden
 Pedro Soto

Staff:

Tony Bialecki, Deputy Director, Econ Dev.
 Kelly Murphy, Development Administrator
 Michael Piscitelli, Director, TT&P

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 A.M.

Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2010 Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes for February 9, 2010. Motion was seconded, minutes were passed unanimously.

100 College Street Update

Kelly Murphy reported on the status of the 100 College Street development. The City had submitted a \$40 million dollar application to the Federal DOT for the overall infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate and redesign traffic for that section of RT34 that would be closed. The grant was not approved although discussions are continuing with the fed's on a possible second round of the grants. The City and State are now looking at phasing in those infrastructure improvements so that the College Street project could occur now between College Street and the Air Rights Garage.

Ms. Murphy stated that this project is a priority that would jumpstart the "Urban Boulevard/Downtown Crossing" development. The project consists of approximately 400,000sq. ft. of lab and office with a parking structure targeted to get underway later this year.

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Presentation By Michael Piscitelli – Complete Streets

Michael Piscitelli, the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking provided an overview of recent Science Park street designs recently built in the context of the Complete Streets policy being developed. He stated that City roadway design standards were previously driven by long-established engineering standards focused on the automobile. In an effort to improve traffic and pedestrian planning in the City the City first looked at traffic enforcement with its “Safe Streets” marketing effort and stepped up police enforcement of traffic violations. He handed out and discussed the current working draft of the Complete Streets manual. Mr. Piscitelli noted that it is meant to provide both a policy and be a “toolbox” of pedestrian and vehicular improvements that can be used in future developments and to correct existing problems.

He stated that the Science Park planning focused on slowing roadway traffic in part by installing a median and allowing on-street parking. These and other techniques such as bike lanes, new crosswalk designs, roundabouts and others are beginning to become more accepted even by developers as they come in for new project review.

Mr. Piscitelli provided an overview on the role of the State Traffic Commission (STC) in certain developments on or near State roadways and how they often influence roadway and pedestrian design and improvements. He also provided an overview of the South Central Council of Governments (COG) and the role they play in coordinating the regional transportation planning and spending of state dollars allocated to the region.

In response to a question on the status of signalization improvements in the City he stated that 21 intersections in the Westville area of the City were under construction and 14 are under construction in the Upper State/Cedar Hill neighborhoods. Funding available through federal stimulus monies are paying for new controller upgrades located in the downtown and Dwight neighborhood – the design for these has been completed.

Mr. Piscitelli stated that the “Q” Bridge project is moving ahead into the “B” Stage or the actual construction of the bridge. All of the pier structures are complete and will start to see steel going up this summer and decking in the Fall of 2010. The schedule calls for entire job to be completed in 2016 although the main crossing is scheduled to open in 2012-13.

Mr. Piscitelli indicated that the newest Downtown Parking Study was conducted November 18th, 2009 using city personnel to count both on-street parking spaces and parking lots/garages as well as the numbers of pedestrians and bicycles at key intersections. Occupancy of on-street spaces is still at 80% and at 85% in parking lots/garages. The report will be compiled shortly and forwarded to Development Commission members. He also provided a brief overview of how meter specific pricing and meters can improve parking. The City is examining putting into place “Dynamic Pricing Program Techniques” using parking meters not just to raise revenue but to provide additional turnover making more spaces available to parkers.

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Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 A.M.