



RESOLUTION

concerning

THE TRANSFER OF TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY
IN
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT
TO THE
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

April 3, 2003

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain wishes to construct a cul-de-sac at the terminus of Lester Street on property utilized by Central Connecticut State University, at no cost to the state, and

WHEREAS, Development of the new cul-de-sac will facilitate truck access to the property which will contain new Maintenance and Salt Shed Facilities currently under design, and

WHEREAS, Deed restrictions on the property require its return to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) which in turn will transfer the property to the City of New Britain, and

WHEREAS, A new turning lane was created along Stanley Street at the direction of the State Traffic Commission as part of the development of the new parking garage on Ella Grasso Boulevard, and

WHEREAS, The CTDOT would like the newly created turning lane transferred to them for maintenance as part of a state roadway system, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System transfer two parcels of land to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

The transfer of two parcels of property in New Britain, Connecticut to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND

The first parcel in this proposal involves land transferred to Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) as excess property at the completion of the Central Connecticut Expressway (Route 9) project in the late 1980's and early 1990's by the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("CTDOT"). CCSU is currently in the process of designing new Maintenance and Salt Shed facilities on a portion of the previously transferred land adjacent to abandoned railroad tracks directly off of Lester Street.

The second parcel contained in the proposal is located along Stanley Street in front of James Maloney Hall whereby a new traffic turning lane was developed as part of the development of the new parking garage on land under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

ANALYSIS

The City of New Britain has recently held meetings with a variety of property owners regarding the nature and future development of Lester Street. Lester Street is a dead end road terminating at the property line of CCSU, upon which the university is in the process of developing two new facilities. City officials would like to install a new turn around at the terminus of Lester Street to appease adjacent property owners. The City is willing to design and construct the cul-de-sac at their expense; however, the land must be under their jurisdiction to expend monies. Central has reviewed the request and agreed to allow the development of a cul-de-sac at the terminus of Lester Street as it facilitates truck access (for such vehicles as snowplows, maintenance vehicles, etc.) to their proposed facilities. However, deed restrictions require the return of land back to CTDOT if the land is no longer useful to CCSU. The CTDOT is willing to transfer this property to the City for construction of the new cul-de-sac. The area to be transferred to the CTDOT is approximately 12,604 square feet or .29 acres of land and will be maintained by the City.

During the environmental assessment process for the new parking garage, the State Traffic Commission (STC) required the installation of a new lane along Stanley Street for north bound traffic turning right onto Ella Grasso Boulevard. This new lane was created by moving the existing sidewalk in front of James Maloney Hall back approximately ten feet to accommodate CTDOT roadway specifications. Creation of the new turning lane is designed to reduce traffic build-up on Stanley Street by providing a third lane for vehicle stacking purposes at a busy intersection. Stanley Street is a state owned roadway and as such is operated and maintained by CTDOT. The CTDOT has requested that CCSU transfer the newly created roadway lane to them as it abuts a state roadway system and will facilitate their maintenance of the roadway.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the transfer of two parcels of land from the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.