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Honorable Mark D. Boughton
City Council
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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**Re: Proposed Intersection & Safety Improvements SR806/Newtown Road at Old
Newtown Road and between Eagle Road and Industrial Plaza Road
STP Urban Program, City Project No. 11-24**

Dear Mayor Boughton and City Council Members:

Through the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO), the City submitted an application for funding under the STP-Urban Program to improve safety and address capacity concerns on SR806/Newtown Road at Old Newtown Road. Proposed improvements include widening approximately 1,600 feet of Newtown Road and realigning the Old Newtown Road approach to Newtown Road, as well as improvements to a 500 foot section of Newtown Road between Eagle Road and Industrial Plaza Road.

The project is in concept stage and will move to design stage after the state receives resolution of support from the City Council. Design of the project will be completed by 2015/2016, and construction should be completed by 2017/2018. Since the project is improving a state-owned roadway, the funding ratio is 80% federal and 20% state (no municipal funding required for this project). The estimate for this work is \$9,500,000, without any cost to the City.

Public improvement programs guidelines require that a public information meeting be held to solicit public comment on the project. The public information meeting for this project was held on May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Danbury Council Chambers. Some property owners attended the meeting along with some City Council members and City officials. No negative comments were received from the public.

At this time, a City Council resolution supporting the project is required to be submitted to the State. Enclosed for your review and action is a Resolution prepared by the Corporation Counsel's office.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks and best regards.



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Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2012

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is considering reconstruction of SR806/Newtown Road at Old Newtown Road including widening approximately 1,600 feet of Newtown Road and realigning the Old Newtown Road approach to Newtown Road, as well as improvements to a 500 foot section of SR806/Newtown road between Eagle Road and Industrial Plaza Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury has published a legal notice display ad, mailed a news release to a number of official and agencies, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting on the proposed transportation project known as Proposed Intersection & Safety Improvements on the SR806/Newtown Road intersection with Old Newtown Road and SR806/Newtown Road at Old Newtown Road between Eagle Road and Industrial Plaza Road under the STP-Urban Program; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on May 15, 2012 in the City of Danbury Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. at which meeting property owners and residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials has selected this project as a regional priority and to utilize federal funds for right-of-way, preliminary engineering and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury City Council has considered the concerns of the property owners and residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed improvements to the SR806/Newtown Road intersection with Old Newtown Road and to SR806/Newtown Road between Eagle Road and Industrial Plaza Road are in the best interest of the City of Danbury, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury City Council based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton be and hereby is authorized to take such measures, including execution of such documents or other submissions as may be necessary for the purpose of applying for funding or other and related approvals for the STP-Urban Program for Newtown Road reconstruction project and the City Council supports such actions as authorized.