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MAYOR

Wallingford Town Council  
Wallingford, CT 06492

ATTN: Robert Parisi, Chairman

Dear Council Members:

The Quinnipiac Street Corridor project has been a very difficult and frustrating experience. Discussed in 1993, our engineering consultant was hired in May 1994 with a completion date of February 1995. The project includes the Quinnipiac Street Bridge, the Cook Hill Road and South Turnpike Road intersection, and signalization, pavement on Quinnipiac Street from Bull Avenue to Washington Street and sidewalk, streetscape improvements to Wallace Park. Due to delays caused by the Department of Transportation review process and Amtrak, we are beyond the 1995 date.

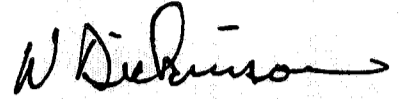
The project's construction funding is from the State and Federal governments in the amount of \$2.8 million. The State is now giving a deadline of May 15, 1997 for access to this year's funding. We should make a serious effort to complete plans by that date, keeping in mind that the state controls the speed with which plans are approved. In order to complete plans, we need to appropriate \$33,120 for the engineer. Sums contracted for engineering services will total \$176,395. The engineering fee will represent about 9% of the \$1.9 million construction (project cost without the bridge)--within the acceptable range of fee for services.

Given that the project now totals some \$400,000 more than what the Council of Governments approved, there may be a necessity to receive an increase in the project amount from the Council of Governments. Current information indicates that there is approximately 3 million dollars of unprogramed money in the region so we should not have a problem in having the \$400,000 approved. If there is a problem, however, I believe the Town would be able to provide that funding in order not to lose 1.9 million. It may also be necessary for us to appropriate some money for the park improvements as there may be ineligible items for state and federal funds. The Wallace Park improvements are estimated to cost

\$150,000. The worst case scenario would be a 20% amount not covered by State and Federal funds which would total \$30,000 from the Town.

We need to have funding for the engineer approved as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,



William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor

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