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Representative Ron Napoli
300 Capitol Ave
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Representative John Piscopo
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Dear Representatives Napoli and Piscopo,

Thank you for taking time to visit New Britain on Friday, April 26th and meet with City officials to discuss the details of the Allen Street Drainage Improvements and Reconstructions Phase 2 project. This project has been at the top of the City's requests for state funding for nearly a decade, and with the historic amounts of rain we have experienced in the past year, it is necessary for this project to come to commence. Of course, the magnitude of the project (cost), and inability to structure it in phases (engineering), are what has prevented the City from performing the work thus far.

As you are aware, this project will improve the storm and sanitary lines that are part of system that was installed over 100 years ago. Severe flooding has been occurring every year which causes significant damage to private properties in addition to impacting a major thoroughfare each time one of these extreme rain events occur. The project will include approximately 2,400 feet of full depth reconstruction of the lines on Allen Street between Oak Street and Stanley Street, much of the work required is due to the fact that the sections of the existing systems are over 17 feet deep and located in areas of high ledge.

The City of New Britain recently received a full engineering report from Cardinal Engineering which estimates the total project cost to be \$13,903,000. A copy of Cardinal Engineering's report has been included for your review.

After your visit, it was reported back to me that in order for the City to receive any State of Connecticut bond dollars for this project, the Bonding Commission would request that there be financial support from the City of approximately 30% of the total project cost. At the time we did not have the full engineering report to base that cost off of. Now that we are in possession of the final documents, the total percentage requested would be roughly \$4,200,000. I write to inform you today that the City of New Britain has this funding available in its Unrestricted Fund Balance of our Enterprise Funds, and will commit this to the Allen Street Project, if approved.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment for this project, please advise on what the next steps are. If any further documents are requested, we would be happy to provide them.

Sincerely,

Erin E. Stewart
Mayor