

Additional
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TO: Board of Finance
FROM: Norman F. Cole, Land Use Bureau Chief
RE: Transportation Planner Position
DATE: March 28, 2014

I would like to supplement my comments regarding refunding the Transportation Planner position by providing a description of the duties and responsibilities of the position. At the suggestion of the Chairman, I have also investigated how other Connecticut cities currently address transportation planning.

TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

- Assist Land Use Boards with Development Reviews
- Master Plan Coordination/Implementation
- Neighborhood Improvement Plans Coordination/Implementation
- Transportation Engineering
- Coordination with Southwestern Regional Planning Agency to complete for Federal & State transportation funding
- Grant writing
- Streetscape and Pedestrian Guidelines
- Transit-oriented Development
- Transportation Corridor Studies
- Transportation Modeling
- Transportation Data Systems Development and Maintenance
- Strategic Transportation Planning
- Bikeways and Trails Planning
- Pedestrian Mobility and Facilities Planning
- Webpage Development and Coordination

COMPARISON WITH OTHER CITIES (ranked by population)

BRIDGEPORT

Population: 146,425

Transportation planning is handled by two full time planners with support of a 56 person Office of Planning and Economic Development.

NEW HAVEN

Population: 130,741

Transportation planning is divided between three departments including a 12 person Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking, one full time person in the Department of Economic Development (total staff 13), and additional support from a 9 person Department of City Planning.

HARTFORD

Population: 124,893

One full time Transportation Planner with support of a 30 person Department of Development Services. Traffic Engineering is provided by the Department of Public Works.

STAMFORD

Population: 125,109

No Transportation Planner. Traffic Engineering is handled by one full time person in the Engineering Bureau. The Land Use Bureau has 9 professional/technical staff.

NORWALK

Population: 87,190

No Transportation planner. Traffic engineering is handled by the Department of Public Works. Norwalk has an 8 person Planning Department.