

Department of Transportation

City of New Haven  
Project 301-0114  
New Parking Garage at Union Station in New Haven

Public Information Meeting Held at  
Community Center at Gateway Community College  
20 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut  
June 7, 2016

Minutes

**Present:**

CTDOT

Carl L. Jackson – Public Trans. Administrator

James A. Fallon – Manager of Facilities and Transit

John Wyskiel – Project Engineer

Robert W. Ike – Office of Rights of Way

Mark W. Alexander – Trans. Assistant Planning Director

Kevin Fleming – Transportation Planner

Jeff Parker – Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP (CHA)

Laurel Stegina – Fitzgerald & Halliday, INC. (FHI)

Jeffrey White – Direct Design Enterprises (DDE)

Norm Goldman – Desman Associates (DA)

**Presentation:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Robert Ike. Presentation by Mr. Jeff Parker commenced at 6:30 pm. Mr. Parker provided a brief overview of the project along with a purpose and need for the project. Mr. Parker then described specific elements of the garage and how the garage was designed to incorporate the historic element of Union Station and the existing garage. Ms. Laurel Stegina then provided an overview of the environmental review process and environmental impact evaluation. Mr. Parker finished the presentation with a discussion on the mitigated adverse impacts and a discussion of project schedule including the intent to start construction in the fall of 2017. The presentation concluded at 7:09 pm.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

Discussion centered on the need for a bus depot on the ground floor and more bicycle amenities. The bus depot on the ground floor would make for a more intermodal garage. Bicyclists spoke

out for the need of more bicycle stations, bicycle lockers, bicyclist shower area, a bicycle share program, and a bicycle repair facility.

Some of the other items which were discussed by the public are as follows: no green or sustainability initiatives are included in the design, cutting down the trees in front of the new garage will reduce air quality, New Haven has one of the highest asthma rates in Connecticut and the addition of 740 cars will cause reduced air quality, traffic analysis needs to be revisited and a traffic management/mitigation plan is needed, public should be allowed access to the pedestrian bridge and extended to Long Wharf, need for street enhancements on Union Avenue, omission of first floor retail, in depth consideration for the 100-year floodplain problem in the area, use of the site should be consistent with City planning documents (Hill to Downtown and Union station TOD studies), and lack of local bus service at the station. Others indicated that the Department should not be encouraging additional single occupant vehicles to travel into the City and park at the train station.

Anstress Farwell of the Urban Design League submitted a petition for intervenor status in the case, detailing several concerns with the EIE report.

Prior to closing meeting, the audience was reminded that the deadline for comments is June 20, 2016.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 pm.