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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO COUNCIL MOTION OF 2/13/18 BY COUNCILOR MERCIER
REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING PLAIN/TANNER CORRIDOR
REDEVELOPMENT PLANS INCLUDING THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON 168 PLAIN STREET
(LOWELL CAR WASH)

The Ayer's City Industrial Park Urban Revitalization and Development Plan ("ACIP") seeks to revitalize a traditional industrial area of Lowell with the potential to drive the next decade of job creation and industrial resurgence. Planning for improved access into Ayer's City Industrial Park found the necessity for a realignment of the southern end of Tanner Street to shift the intersection with Plain Street east away from the Lowell Connector exchange at Plain Street and into the new signal for the Target and Meadow Brook shopping plaza. The goals defined in the planning process for realigning Tanner Street at the Plain Street intersection include:

- Enhance redevelopment potential of existing vacant and underutilized sites;
- Accommodate increased traffic from new development and reduce congestion on Plain Street;
- Provide a more attractive and recognizable gateway into the Ayer's City Industrial Park.

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) had a meeting on March 14th with several property owners in the Tanner Street area, including the Lowell Car Wash and Max Levine Company Scrap Metal to talk about the Tanner Street Realignment project. DPD and the owners discussed in detail the plans to date and the potential phasing of the project during construction. Several questions and comments were raised during this initial meeting. We will continue to work with Watermark, the City's design consultant for the project, and property owners in order to address any concerns they may have. DPD is currently in the process of scheduling a follow up meeting to continue to engage with the property owners impacted by the project.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at the Department of Planning and Development at 978-674-1401 or Joe Giniewicz at 978-674-1445.

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cc: Claire V. Ricker, Chief Design Planner
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