

CITY OF PLAINFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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JENNIFER WENSON MAIER
DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Dashield, City Administrator

FROM: Jennifer Wenson-Maier, Director, DPW&UD

DATE: November 13, 2007

SUBJECT: **ITEM FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FIXING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007: AUTHORIZING A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD DESIRE TO HAVE THE GERAUD AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIRED OR REPLACED**

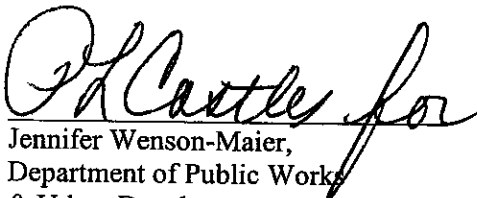
The Consulting Engineer (Remington & Vernick) is requesting that the subject item be placed on Council's December 3, 2007 Agenda and approved at Council's Public meeting scheduled for December 5, 2007.

Somerset County has utilized funds from the New Jersey Transportation Authority (NJTA) to conduct a scoping study. The NJTA is requesting the County to submit the results. The Borough of South Plainfield has forwarded a Resolution to the Somerset County expressing a desire to eliminate the bridge. The redeveloper of the Marino redevelopment site and the Pathmark Food Market have indicated that the Geraud Avenue Bridge is critical for the success of the project. To help assure the success of the redevelopment effort and to protect the City's position, the City must respond in kind to the County.

This item is added to protect the City's interest in the Geraud Avenue Bridge.

The Consulting Engineer (Remington & Vernick) recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

I HAVE REVIEWED THE
ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION
AND ATTEST TO ITS ACCURACY


Jennifer Wenson-Maier,
Department of Public Works
& Urban Development

APPROVED FOR PLACEMENT
ON COUNCIL AGENDA

Marc Dashield,
City Administrator

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE
GERAUD AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE GREEN BROOK IN THE CITY
OF PLAINFIELD AND THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Geraud Avenue bridge over the Green Brook has been closed to traffic since September 1999 due to its poor structural condition; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has been the subject of numerous meetings and discussions between the Borough of North Plainfield, City of Plainfield, County of Somerset and County of Union officials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield has designated the adjoining area a Redevelopment Area referred to as the Marino's Site; and

WHEREAS, the designated Redevelopment Area will include a Pathmark Food Market and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper and the Pathmark Food store have indicated that the bridge is critical to the success of the site; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Engineers office and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority wishes to obtain a final confirmation of the City of Plainfield's intent with regard to this structure so that funds can be made available for its repair and replacement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Plainfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests to have the Geraud Avenue bridge over the Green Brook repaired and/or replaced as deemed suitable by the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, County of Somerset, County of Union, and Borough of North Plainfield.

Adopted by the City Council

December 5, 2007

Laddie Wyatt,
City Clerk

Approved as to Form

Daniel A. Williamson,
Corporation Counsel