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Scott,

As a follow up to your email dated 8/24/16 notifying myself of the DRB decision from their August 22, 2016 meeting to reopen the public hearing for City Market's 207 Flynn Avenue proposal for limited consideration of the following items:

1. Describe how an eastbound right turn lane at Champlain Parkway and Flynn Avenue can be provided (with revisions to the site plan and subdivision plat as necessary) without loss of amenities at the Flynn Avenue entrance and along the Flynn Avenue frontage;
2. Would a crosswalk across Flynn Avenue for pedestrian access to the site (subject to Dept. of Public Works review and approval) improve pedestrian circulation and safety; and
3. Describe the delineation of the separate uses within the proposed building and how the project complies with the 30,000 sf limit for grocery stores in this portion of the ELM zone.

Public Works is only in a position to provide a response to the first two items.

1. Eastbound Right Turn Lane-Public Work staff has meet with the City Market Development team and are content the project will allow the City the opportunity to develop an eastbound right turn lane near the intersection of Briggs and Flynn Avenue if the City deems it operationally necessary at some point in the future to reduce the level of congestion. It has been explained to Public Works Staff the project has shifted 3 feet south in order to accommodate without impacting the proposed frontage amenities.
2. Public Works staff working with the City Market Development Team sought to address pedestrian crossing concerns and exercised the proper due diligence by:
  - identifying current (Pre-Parkway/Post City Market) walking patterns and
  - identifying existing infrastructure

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- Predicting (Post Parkway) walking patterns,
- Examining the various conflict points,
- Applying our Adopted Pedestrian Guidelines of practice

With a specific focus on the task providing proper pedestrian accommodation traffic traveling in a north-south direction to and from the City Market Site to 208 Flynn Avenue and the sidewalk on the north side of Flynn Avenue.

City Market Development team identified an existing ramp on the north side in front of 208 Flynn Avenue and a break in the rail crossing median with remnants of a faded crosswalk. I believe that crosswalk previously served as a crossing point north-south to the former antique shop located at the City Market Site. We believe this crosswalk location should be re-established and serve as the marked uncontrolled mid-block crossing location to safely accommodate the increased pedestrian traffic. Post City Market project the Champlain Parkway will have an opportunity to either incorporate the proposed crossing as an existing condition or some other suitable alternative.

Public Works staff is supportive of City Market's proposal to re-establish this existing crossing location in front of 208 Flynn Avenue.

I will be present at the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Norman J. Baldwin, P.E.  
City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works

c.c Pat Burns, City Market Director of Operations  
John Tashiro, City Market