

To: Steve/Missy
From: Doug
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Re: Projects Report

Rte 57: The seven member committee to study the issue has been selected and the first meeting will be held in the next month. The Reg. Planning Comm. is preparing a detailed alternative proposal to the by-pass. It will involve intersection and corridor improvements and some mass transit recommendations. This will be forthcoming this week and when I have a chance to review it I will be recommending an office stand probably based on it.

The meeting with the Land Bank person provided some interesting information on the status of the proposals to move some of the housing stock and land at Westover. The Land Bank is also involved in proposals with the reuse of the Northampton State Hospital.

The town of Agawam has received an "Eminent Threat" grant for a sewer over-flow problem and Orange has been invited to submit a Small Cities Block Grant application for a \$300,000 housing rehab proposal.

Pat Warren from Northeast Chick-Services has submitted requests for assistance (short term loan or loan guarantee) to EDA, MCRC and recently the Shawmut Bank of Boston. EDA is only doing loan guarantees on Trade Adjustment cases and not even processing other applications. However, I was able to move this application and a T.A grant from Holyoke on in the process.

Attended the annual Central Berkshire Chamber dinner in Pittsfield and met with many of our regular Berkshire County folks. Also stoppped by to visit Gordon Rose who has bought up all the commercial bulidings in West Stockbridge and has rebuilt the town into a major tourist attraction in the County.

Met with Mayor Musante (Northampton) to discuss the status of various projects and their "Innovative GRANT" application. Later I attended the annual NIRDC dinner to discuss the status of our development corp. inniative. The most positive result from our innitial meeting is that the banking and major business folks in Northampton meet regularly and have divided into subcommittee to work on projects for the city. The change in the by-laws of the NIRDC to establish an LDFC like entity is still being studied. I am drafting a development scheme for the city and would like to have something for when the new C.D. director comes on. (They are interviewing candidates now and I think this person could be the key to pulling things together in the city.

Mayor Bob Kumor and I met with Herb Ulgrin (Shawmut-Springfield) and Don Binns of the SADC to discuss the possibilities of establishing ties with SADC and Chicopee using the EDA \$4M for the Uniroyal purchase. What our proposal would do is have the EDA 6% loan paid