

City of Detroit

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Monday, August 20, 2018

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

503 *Fort Street Business Park, request to vacate Livernois Road between Fort Street and the Norfolk Southern Mainline.*

August 16, 2018

Via U. S. Mail and Hand Delivery

City of Detroit, City Council
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave., Room 200
Detroit, MI 48226

**Re: Request for Vacating of Livernois Road Between Fort Street and Norfolk
Southern Mainline**

Dear Esteemed Members of the Detroit City Council:

This office represents Fort Street Business Park ("FSBP"). We write this letter to ask for a permanent vacating of Livernois Road between Fort Street and the Norfolk Southern rail line. Our client, FSBP owns property used as a distribution center and warehouse on the west side of Livernois at that location. FSBP also owns land on the east side of Livernois between Fort Street and the rail line.

In connection with the Gordie Howe Bridge project, MDOT has sought to obtain a part of FSBP's parcel to the east of Livernois, via eminent domain. As part of the project, MDOT intends to terminate Livernois at the rail line.

After the bridge construction, this part of Livernois would get virtually no public traffic. It would not lead anywhere but a terminus, surrounded by privately owned property all owned by FSBP. There should thus be no interference with public drivers or other commercial vehicles.

The vacating of Livernois would enable FSBP to modify and/or expand its warehouse and logistics operations, including to allow access points for trucks on the eastern side of its existing building.

Our office would be happy to discuss this issue with any city officials to explain the productive opportunity that this street closure would offer. FSBP has invested in the city of Detroit for many years and is excited for the prospect of expand operations as the new Gordie Howe Bridge comes into service. Please contact the undersigned with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

KERR, RUSSELL AND WEBER, PLC



Michael D. Carroll

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cc: Ronald Radcliffe

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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