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COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, CHAIR

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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BILLS 060898, 060899, 060900, 070016, 070050,
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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good

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morning. I'm sorry for the delay. We do

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have a quorum. To my left is the Council

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President, who by virtue of her title is

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a standing member of all committees. To

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my immediate right is the Vice-Chair of

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this Committee, and to his right,

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Councilman Ramos' right, is Councilman

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Clarke. So we do have a quorum, and at

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the request of the Council President, we

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will hear the bill concerning the South

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Street Bridge first.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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you.

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: She does

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have another appointment and we'd like to

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get on with that hearing first.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 060893, an

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ordinance authorizing and directing the

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revision of lines and grades on a portion

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of City Plan by placing on the City Plan

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South Street from its current terminus

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northwest of the northwesterly Pierhead

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and Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River

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2 to the northwesterly Pierhead and
3 Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River,
4 widening South Street by eight feet on
5 the northeasterly side from 32nd Street
6 to the northwesterly Pierhead and
7 Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River,
8 widening South Street on the
9 southwesterly side by eight feet from
10 Convention Avenue to the northwesterly
11 Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the
12 Schuylkill River, placing a certain
13 triangular portion on the westerly corner
14 of Convention Avenue and South Street,
15 placing a certain triangular portion at
16 the intersection of the southwesterly
17 side of South Street and the
18 southeasterly side of the CSX Railroad
19 Right-of-Way line, and by widening the
20 northeasterly side of South Street by a
21 variable width from the southeasterly
22 Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the
23 Schuylkill River to a point approximately
24 254 feet west of the westerly side of
25 27th Street.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

3 Mr. Syrtain, would you -- Syrnick. I'm
4 listening to the Council President. I
5 apologize.

6 MR. SYRNICK: Quite all right.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

8 MR. SYRNICK: Good morning,
9 Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.
10 My name is Joseph Syrnick and I am the
11 President and CEO of the Schuylkill River
12 Development Corporation, SRDC. I've
13 provided copies of my testimony, so
14 perhaps you have it in front of you and I
15 hope the court stenographer has it also.

16 As I hope you know, SRDC is a
17 non-profit corporation seeking to
18 redevelop and, therefore, revitalize the
19 lower Schuylkill River. I come here
20 today to testify in support of Bill
21 070046 and, in a more general sense, in
22 support of the expeditious reconstruction
23 of the South Street Bridge.

24 In the spirit of full
25 disclosure, I mention for the record that

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2 I was a City employee for 34 years
3 working out of the Department of Streets,
4 the last 18 years as the City's Chief
5 Engineer and Surveyor where I had
6 significant responsibility and
7 involvement with the South Street Bridge
8 project.

9 Members of the Committee, this
10 bridge reconstruction is sorely needed
11 and it is needed as soon as possible.
12 The existing bridge is old and
13 deteriorating. It will continue to
14 deteriorate until it is replaced.

15 The project has been in design
16 for 11 years. The design is close to
17 being completed and the project is
18 scheduled for bid in the summer. It
19 would not be in the public interest to
20 delay it.

21 Having said that, I understand
22 that recently there have been some
23 concerns raised by different people about
24 different issues. While everyone has a
25 right to his or her opinion, I'd like to

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2 provide my thoughts on this project for
3 your consideration.

4 Concern No. 1: There has been
5 little or no public involvement on this
6 project. That's the concern. In fact,
7 there have been public meetings on this
8 project. April 17, 1996, Meyerson Hall,
9 University of Pennsylvania; March 29,
10 1999, the Alumni Hall in the Faculty Club
11 at 36th and Walnut Street. There were
12 actually two sessions of this meeting,
13 one at 3:00 and one at 7:00, to
14 accommodate the schedules of those who
15 wanted to attend. August 6, 2001, South
16 Street West Civic Association, held at
17 Greater St. Matthews Church on Grays
18 Ferry Avenue; September 30, 2003, a
19 meeting for the South Street folks that
20 was held in the offices of Odunde on
21 Grays Ferry Avenue.

22 At all these meetings the
23 status of the project was discussed,
24 issues were raised, questions were
25 answered as best they could be, and all

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2 concerns were considered by the design
3 team subsequent to the meetings. Not
4 every concern or suggestion was able to
5 be accommodated. In fact, many were
6 contradictory. But many suggestions were
7 incorporated into the design. For
8 example, a ramp and stairway to the
9 Schuylkill Trail, not originally part of
10 the project, were included as part in the
11 project. Overlooks were added to allow
12 pedestrians to stop and view the river
13 and the skyline.

14 Following these meetings, in
15 late 2003, the Streets Department
16 completed the preliminary design phase,
17 the phase where you work out the concept
18 for the facility, and then they moved on
19 to final design, the phase where you take
20 the selected concept and develop contract
21 or bid documents.

22 Recently, on January 8, 2007, a
23 public meeting was held at Greater St.
24 Matthews Church. It is my understanding
25 that the Streets Department scheduled

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2 this meeting at the request of the
3 community to inform them of the status of
4 the project, the design portion of which
5 is near completion. It was not, as I
6 understand it, an invitation to
7 completely abandon the work that has been
8 done to date and start over from scratch.

9 Concern No. 2: The City has
10 made no effort to consider the
11 architecture and aesthetics of this
12 bridge. Again, not correct. From the
13 inception of the design, the City has
14 been acutely aware of and sensitive to
15 the history, architecture, aesthetics and
16 the operation of the bridge. The design
17 team includes H2L2 Architects, a highly
18 regarded architectural firm that, in the
19 not so distant past, won accolades for
20 its work on the Germantown Avenue Bridge
21 over Wissahickon Creek, another
22 controversial project that turned out
23 really well.

24 H2L2 traces its heritage to
25 Paul Cret, generally regarded as one of

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2 Philadelphia's most accomplished
3 architects, who did a fair amount of
4 bridge work in the 1920's, including the
5 Benjamin Franklin Bridge over the
6 Delaware River and the 34th Street Bridge
7 over the Schuylkill just down river from
8 South Street.

9 H2L2 has developed a scheme
10 currently being proposed which has been
11 approved by the Philadelphia Art
12 Commission, the Philadelphia Historical
13 Commission and the University of
14 Pennsylvania.

15 Architecture is like art. What
16 some folks like others do not. I.M.
17 Pei's glass pyramid at the entrance of
18 the Louvre was widely panned when first
19 built. Now it is an icon for the
20 building. There is a similar story with
21 the Eiffel Tower. It, too, was initially
22 rejected by the Parisian public, with
23 many calling it an eyesore. Now, 200
24 million visitors later, it is hard to
25 visualize the City of Lights without it.

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2 The design for the South Street
3 Bridge is unique and daring. The City
4 knew that it would generate a wide range
5 of opinions. SRDC believes it will be a
6 striking signature gateway whether viewed
7 from above or below. Others may
8 disagree. That's their right. But it is
9 not correct to say that no attention was
10 paid to how the bridge will look.

11 Concern No. 3: The
12 construction will cause traffic problems
13 in the area and the City has done nothing
14 about it. The reconstruction of this
15 bridge will necessitate closing it for 18
16 months, possibly longer. This will cause
17 traffic problems, as the bridge and the
18 interchange traffic is diverted to other
19 routes. My experience is that this
20 congestion will be most severe during the
21 period right after the closure. After a
22 week, maybe two, traffic will begin to
23 sort itself out by finding the best
24 alternate route. But this is an
25 important roadway, one of a limited

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2 number of crossings of the river. It
3 carries 21,000 vehicles a day. At best,
4 the detour will be a major inconvenience.
5 But it won't last forever, and once the
6 bridge opens, traffic will be back to
7 normal, maybe better than normal.

8 But knowing all this, the
9 Department of Streets wisely applied for
10 a transportation grant to improve traffic
11 signals at 42 intersections along detour
12 routes. This project will cost \$4
13 million and will be funded primarily with
14 federal funds. This work will optimize
15 traffic flow at these intersections. It
16 won't be perfect but rather a good-faith
17 effort made by the Department to make it
18 tolerable.

19 Concern No. 4: Pedestrians are
20 being ignored; the sidewalks are too
21 narrow. The sidewalks are narrower than
22 I would prefer. The Department evaluated
23 alternatives that would have resulted in
24 a wider off-roadway area accommodating
25 bikes and pedestrians together. This

16 Again, maybe everyone doesn't
17 like everything, but it is not fair to
18 say that no consideration was given to
19 these issues.

20 Mr. Chairman, this bridge has
21 been in design for 11 years. It's time
22 to move forward. The existing bridge is
23 on its last legs. We need to move the
24 project to construction before the City
25 closes the existing bridge for safety

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2 reasons.

3 That would introduce all the
4 traffic disruptions but without any
5 solution in sight. If this bridge were
6 to be delayed, other projects that need
7 additional funding will look to borrow
8 money from South Street. That's the way
9 the system works. If you need additional
10 funding for a project, identify one that
11 isn't moving and borrow some of its
12 funding.

13 This bridge is a vital link
14 between Center City and University City.
15 It is close to and used by vehicles
16 heading to the Children's Hospital and
17 the Hospital of the University of
18 Pennsylvania. There is no guarantee that
19 a delay or a redesign would change
20 anything. You still have the expressway
21 to contend with. You still have CSX,
22 Amtrak, SEPTA and the freight railroad
23 highline. You still have the proposed
24 ramp to the Schuylkill Trail.

25 We live in a world of

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2 alternatives. We can stop or we can move
3 ahead. I vote we move ahead.

4 Members of the Committee, these
5 are my thoughts. I appreciate you
6 allowing me to express them.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

9 MR. SYRNICK: I did also give
10 you some photographs of the proposed
11 there, which I'm sure you've seen before,
12 but, again, it seems like a nice-looking
13 bridge to me.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
15 Mr. Syrnick, for your very informative
16 testimony.

17 Council President Verna.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you very much, Mr. Syrnick. I truly
20 appreciate your coming in this morning to
21 testify, and I think you have outlined
22 the number of community meetings there
23 were and the input of the concerns of the
24 area residents. I thank you for that.

25 MR. SYRNICK: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

3 Mr. Syrnick, if I can, in your previous
4 life when you worked for the Streets
5 Department in your capacity as Chief
6 Engineer, what is your assessment of the
7 condition of the bridge today in terms of
8 the issue of public safety?

9 MR. SYRNICK: Again --

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Putting
11 the design issues aside, because you're
12 right, you're never going to get a
13 unanimous opinion on whether the
14 structure is -- because beauty is in the
15 eye of the beholder, as they say. What I
16 may like someone else may not, but I'm
17 more concerned and I think this Committee
18 is more concerned with the issue of
19 public safety. And in your professional
20 view as a former Chief of Survey and
21 Engineering for the Streets Department,
22 could you give us an assessment of that?

23 MR. SYRNICK: The bridge is
24 old. It's clearly deteriorating. As you
25 know, there have been some problems on it

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2 with punch-throughs.

3 The Streets Department has been
4 monitoring this bridge weekly for several
5 years. It is safe to drive over today.
6 If it were not, they would close the
7 bridge. But we are -- it's a situation
8 where you are always holding your breath
9 that you won't have another
10 punch-through. It's a pain in the neck
11 to go fix these things when it happens,
12 but keep an eye on it all the time.

13 If we were to delay this new
14 bridge for any significant length of
15 time, my guess is at some point someone
16 would say this bridge is no longer safe
17 to travel on and recommend closing it.
18 The Department would always err on the
19 side of safety, as they should, and I
20 think that's what would happen. So right
21 today it's okay, but it is on its last
22 legs.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's
24 certainly safe to say that its conditions
25 aren't getting any better; they're just

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2 going to continue to get worse and that
3 the more punch-throughs, the more
4 deterioration, the more likelihood is
5 that the condition of the bridge will
6 just worsen and at some point -- and I'm
7 not putting words in your mouth. I'm
8 asking the question -- at some point it's
9 your determination that the bridge would
10 have to be closed anyway?

11 MR. SYRNICK: That's my
12 position, yes. Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
14 Council President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
16 That's it. Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

18 MR. SYRNICK: Thank you.

19 Ms. Cutler, please.

20 Good morning.

21 MS. CUTLER: Good morning. For
22 the record, my name is Rina Cutler. I'm
23 the Deputy Secretary for Administration
24 for Pennsylvania Department of
25 Transportation. To my right is Chuck

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2 Davies. He is the Assistant District
3 Executive in Region 6 for PennDOT and the
4 former Chief Bridge Engineer for PennDOT.

5 I'd like to just say a few
6 things. I was not here for the first
7 part of this hearing, although I do
8 understand that my comments were read
9 into the record, so I will not read them
10 again unless you need me to. I would
11 like to just say a couple of things.

12 PennDOT has been working very
13 closely with the City for 11 years as it
14 relates to trying to replace this bridge.
15 It has recently, probably 30 to 60 days,
16 has been posted with weight restrictions
17 in order to try to keep from having to
18 close it altogether. We expect that to
19 help, but the condition of this bridge is
20 such that we consider it to be a serious
21 public safety issue.

22 We agree with Joe Syrnick that
23 we think it is safe at the moment. The
24 fact that it's been monitored weekly for
25 some number of years should give you some

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2 indication of our concern. And we
3 believe that if we do not get this
4 project out to bid this year, which
5 requires you to pass the piece that is in
6 front of Council, that it is entirely
7 likely that the deterioration will
8 continue and continue quickly.

9 We do concede there will be
10 traffic problems once the bridge is
11 closed for construction. It is certainly
12 our very strong desire to not have to
13 close it and not go into construction.
14 It will be closed anyway for some 18
15 months, probably a little longer to
16 complete the problem. We do not want to
17 tell the City to close this bridge
18 because we don't think it's safe anymore.
19 So from a public safety perspective, it
20 is crucial that we get the bridge out to
21 bid this calendar year. That requires
22 certain pieces to occur before we are
23 able to put it out for letting, in our
24 language.

25 And it is a very tight schedule

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2 right now. There were several pieces
3 that were in danger of moving that
4 schedule off its current track. The
5 problem with moving it off its current
6 track is, we've got it scheduled at the
7 moment not only for this year's letting
8 in terms of securing the funding but also
9 because we recognize that it's going to
10 cause traffic problems, we do not want to
11 have to go an extra construction season.

12 As you are aware, we do not get
13 to do construction normally 12 months of
14 the year. If we get it to letting in
15 December, we are able to give a notice to
16 proceed to the contractor so that they
17 are ready to begin in the spring. That
18 allows us to get the most number of
19 months in for construction and to try to
20 get it open in the next cycle.

21 If this slips, we will end up
22 not being able to start early enough in
23 the spring and are likely to need to keep
24 it closed for an additional construction
25 season. We will need those extra months.

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2 So for me, this has a number of
3 issues here and I am here to strongly
4 support the passage of the legislation,
5 which will allow us to go to letting this
6 year, allow the City to go to letting
7 this year.

8 Eleven years of design has
9 increased the cost of this structure
10 somewhere -- the original price we looked
11 at for reconstruction of this bridge was
12 \$40 million. Eleven years now later we
13 are now up to \$52 million. It has been
14 very difficult to try to secure the
15 additional funding to get us to that \$52
16 million level, and so we are concerned
17 that any increase in time and design will
18 start to add dollars to that. Any
19 dollars that get added to the South
20 Street Bridge get taken off other City
21 projects, as there is only a specific
22 amount of money available each year.

23 So for the purposes of PennDOT,
24 first and foremost for us, this is a
25 public safety issue. We believe the

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2 bridge will continue to deteriorate and
3 in its current condition will start to
4 deteriorate more quickly.

5 Secondly, the notion of a
6 redesign is going to add time and cost to
7 an already very expensive project that
8 has increased in cost somewhere around
9 \$12 million during its 11-year design
10 schedule.

11 Thirdly, we recognize there
12 will be traffic problems when we close
13 this bridge, at least until folks who
14 know their way around figure out the best
15 way to move around. We would prefer not
16 to have to keep it closed for additional
17 time in order to make the construction
18 schedule.

19 So it is my firm hope that
20 Council will move this forward as quickly
21 as possible and that we can begin the
22 project on schedule and on time.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
25 In your testimony you mention about we've

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2 already put restrictions on weight, which
3 means obviously trucks or whatever that
4 are in excess of a certain amount of
5 tonnage are no longer permitted. Can
6 anyone speak to what the percentage of
7 vehicles that speaks to, the number of
8 vehicles that are now already being
9 diverted?

10 MR. DAVIES: Mr. Chairman, the
11 posting on the bridge presently is six
12 tons, as indicated by its condition and
13 by a standardized bridge inspection. The
14 typical weight capacity of a new bridge
15 should be in excess of 40 tons. The
16 six-ton posting eliminates all heavy
17 vehicles, trucks, local deliveries,
18 buses, heavy vehicles of all kinds.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So six
20 tons is the maximum you're allowing now?

21 MR. DAVIES: Six tons is --

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: As opposed
23 to what would be the normal 40 tons?

24 MR. DAVIES: That's correct.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is it safe

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2 to say as the condition of the bridge
3 continues to deteriorate, that it's very
4 likely that the tonnage will get even
5 lower, causing more traffic or other
6 vehicles to have to be diverted away from
7 the bridge?

8 MS. CUTLER: In fact, I'm not
9 sure, Councilman, that there is lower.
10 If the deterioration were to continue, we
11 believe we would be required to shut the
12 bridge altogether.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Okay.

14 That's important to know. Thank you.

15 Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 Ms. Cutler, in your opinion,
19 what is the drop-dead date that you think
20 this Committee would have to report this
21 bill out?

22 MS. CUTLER: Last month.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Next
24 month?

25 MS. CUTLER: Last month.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
3 last month. That's what I thought.

4 I know that we have enough on
5 the record, but I just want to make
6 something very, very clear. I'm not
7 going to play chicken with the Broad
8 Street Bridge, because I know that --
9 South Street Bridge, because I know if I
10 do, there's one of my colleagues sitting
11 at this table who will be jumping in to
12 try to get that money to have a bridge in
13 his district reconstructed. I know that
14 for a fact. I'm not going to sit by and
15 allow upwards of \$10 million in state
16 funding to go to another location. And
17 it really disturbs me that we have a few
18 architects that don't like the design of
19 the bridge. I'm concerned about one
20 thing: safety, safety for the motor
21 vehicles, safety for the pedestrians and
22 safety for the people who really love to
23 use their bicycles over the bridge.

24 Negotiations require two sides
25 that are willing to sit down and talk.

21 MS. CUTLER: Thank you.

24 COUNCILMAN DiICCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. And for the record, it

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2 was earlier reported that the bill number
3 for this particular bill was 060893.
4 That needs to be corrected. The bill
5 number is 070046, for the record.

6 Any questions for these
7 witnesses from the Committee?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
10 else here who wishes to testify today?
11 We don't have a witness list, so if you
12 want to testify, I would ask people who
13 are either affiliated with PennDOT and/or
14 the City if they're testifying to come
15 forward first. If not, the general
16 public is welcome to come to the witness
17 table as well.

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The new
20 number is 070046.

21 Seeing none, I will ask
22 Mr. Abernathy to read the title of the
23 next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 070016, an
25 ordinance amending Title 11 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Streets," by
3 prohibiting the construction or
4 establishment of curb cuts for vehicular
5 access to certain shopping areas, under
6 certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
8 morning, Councilman.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
10 morning, Mr. Chairman.

11 This is not an Administration
12 ordinance. It's an ordinance on behalf
13 of the residents particularly in close
14 proximity to the Leo Mall on Bustleton
15 Avenue just below Byberry, and four of
16 them are here this morning and one of
17 them will speak for the neighbors, but I
18 just wanted to give you some background.

19 The Leo Mall has been there
20 longer than I've been in City Council,
21 which is quite a while, and fronts on
22 Bustleton Avenue. It's a signalized
23 intersection, very wide. The street is
24 very wide there. It widens right -- I
25 don't know if you've ever been to

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2 Michelangelo's Bacci Courts, but they're
3 right above that entrance.

4 Historically, the shops and the
5 stores at the Leo Mall all faced north.
6 The back of them ran along Hendrix
7 Street, which is the side street that
8 cuts into Bustleton Avenue just south of
9 the Leo Mall. The closest northern
10 street is Byberry Road up a bit above the
11 mall. There were service entrances to
12 the back of some of those stores off
13 of -- but they weren't entrances to the
14 shopping center.

15 There was a series of different
16 big-box stores in one of the locations
17 backing up to Hendrix. The last was a
18 K-Mart. K-Mart went under, left for
19 whatever reason, and Home Depot announced
20 they were coming in, but they were going
21 to shift their store. They were going to
22 take down the K-Mart store, shift their
23 store to face Bustleton Avenue. It
24 sounded like a nice idea. It had more
25 visibility to the main street. And they

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2 indicated at one community meeting
3 because they had zoning -- it was an Area
4 Shopping Center zoning -- that the truck
5 traffic would come in off the Bustleton
6 Avenue intersection. And at the Somerton
7 Civic Association, people were pretty
8 happy with the new store coming in and
9 Home Depot being fairly close to where
10 they lived. As construction ensued, it
11 became clear that Hendrix Street was no
12 longer a little service entrance to the
13 back of stores. They had a
14 30-plus-foot-wide driveway on Hendrix
15 Street right across from twin homes and a
16 little side street that comes off called
17 Hendrix Terrace right across from this
18 driveway that will be a major entrance
19 and exit for people who want to avoid
20 Bustleton Avenue, which is just about
21 everybody.

22 And I put this bill in, but I
23 tried to have a meeting last week with
24 Home Depot and the neighbors to see if
25 there was any accommodation that could be

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2 made. Home Depot basically said, Well,
3 all of our trucks that come to the
4 contractors' entrance at the north end of
5 our mall -- this will be the closest to
6 Byberry, but probably half a mile from
7 Byberry. There's woods and other things
8 above it. Well, the contractors'
9 deliveries will come there and they'll
10 just turn back out and go to Bustleton
11 Avenue, but our lumber deliveries that
12 are going to the garden center on the
13 south side just adjacent to Hendrix
14 Street, we want them to come in off of
15 Hendrix -- and it's one to two
16 tractor-trailers a day -- come in off of
17 Hendrix, drop the lumber off, go behind
18 the building and then go out Bustleton.

19 So all of this is apparently
20 for one to two truck deliveries a day
21 that otherwise would have to go off of
22 Bustleton, turn in front of the store and
23 then make their route behind. And the
24 Home Depot representative said, I ain't
25 closing that driveway.

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2 This bill had been planned in
3 anticipation that nothing could work, and
4 basically what it does, it prohibits the
5 driveway where there's an Area Shopping
6 Center and it's within 60 feet of homes,
7 of a residential property. And it seems
8 like something we didn't anticipate would
9 happen. I have a lot of Area Shopping
10 Centers in my district. None of them
11 have this situation. The streets are
12 wider or there aren't homes across the
13 way. There's usually a divider. Like
14 Franklin Mills Mall is an Area Shopping
15 Center, Knights and Woodhaven; Morrell
16 Shopping Center and others. Either the
17 street is very wide and very
18 commercial -- by the way, state highways
19 are not included in this legislation.
20 And there's an exception for any access
21 that's needed on any driveway for Water
22 Department right-of-way, which happens to
23 occur on another driveway here, and if
24 the Fire Department or Police Department
25 needed it for evacuation purposes or

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2 whatever. But to protect the neighbors,
3 the purpose of the bill is to not have it
4 be a regular ingress and egress,
5 unless -- and there's an exception -- if
6 it's the only entrance. If there's an
7 Area Shopping Center and it's the only
8 entrance, obviously we're not going to
9 shut the shopping center down.

10 The Planning Commission has
11 been doing a scan of Area Shopping
12 Centers. Most of them are in my
13 district. There are others. And to the
14 extent if this bill were waiting to be
15 passed and another one came up, I would
16 discuss it with the District Councilman
17 and either amend the bill to accommodate
18 that or the District Councilman might be
19 very happy that a particular driveway was
20 being closed that heretofore had been
21 open. But I will not impact another
22 district with this without the agreement
23 of the District Councilman.

24 The neighbors are here. And
25 this new Home Depot is scheduled to open

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2 the end of March, beginning of April, to
3 give you a time frame.

4 The neighbors are here. One of
5 them is speaking for the others, and
6 several who couldn't make it that came to
7 the meeting last week have sent their
8 best wishes.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
10 And for the record, Councilman, I do have
11 a letter that was sent to us for this
12 Committee's review. It's signed by about
13 60 or so residents who live on either
14 Hendrix Street or, I guess, Centennial
15 Square, which is --

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I applaud
17 them, because I just told them if they
18 couldn't come, to contact the members of
19 the Committee and the Chairman.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well,
21 they're here and they'll be made part of
22 the record.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay. The
24 meeting was just a week ago.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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2 Sir, would you care to testify?

3 MR. TEVELSON: Sure.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You're not
5 Andy Garcia, are you?

6 MR. TEVELSON: I wish.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Councilman,
8 I just want to ask the Councilman a
9 question.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm sorry.
11 Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 Councilman, a question with
15 respect to the size of the Area Shopping
16 Center. I know up in your area you have
17 a number of substantial --

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
19 question. One of the questions is --
20 first of all, a lot of shopping centers
21 are not Area Shopping -- they're not
22 zoned Area Shopping Center. There's very
23 few that are actually zoned, because it's
24 got to be usually pretty big. A lot of
25 them are done by a zoning variance.

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2 But 80,000 square feet is the
3 smallest that is eligible for Area
4 Shopping Center. This shopping center is
5 several hundred thousand square feet.

6 If there is an impact on
7 something -- for instance, say, Broad and
8 Oxford just happens to be something
9 that's been in front of us for a while.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Progress
11 Plaza.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I don't
13 think we'll see Area Shopping Center in
14 that area, but if it were, a contemplated
15 amendment that I would discuss with the
16 District Councilman before this would
17 pass would be to raise it above that and
18 below Leo Mall. That was brought up by
19 the Streets Department. I'm still
20 waiting for the Planning Commission
21 response identifying not only the Area
22 Shopping Centers but whether a side
23 entrance is close to a residential,
24 whether if it is close to a residential
25 it has -- it's on a state highway.

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2 Because a lot of our numbered streets in
3 the City, particularly going through
4 North Philly, South Philly, as I've
5 always heard, they're really state
6 highways. They're designated state
7 highways, even though they may not look
8 like highways. They carry traffic and
9 have been designated for years as state
10 highways. In fact, I have some streets
11 in my district that no one thinks of as a
12 state highway, but when you come to
13 funding and who pays for the repairs of
14 the street when they're repaved and
15 things, it's a state highway.

16 So those issues I've tried to
17 think of. I did not think of the --
18 until Mr. Denny at the meeting, Charlie
19 Denny, mentioned the size within the Area
20 Shopping Center did I think of it, and
21 the Planning Commission has not gotten
22 back to me yet as of this morning with
23 all the details on the other Area
24 Shopping Centers, but most of the
25 shopping centers in my district are not

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2 Area Shopping Center, just the very large
3 ones, and so it will be interesting to
4 see how it is.

5 But, again, I reiterate, I
6 would never bring somebody into something
7 that they didn't want to be -- a District
8 Councilman wouldn't want to be in.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I
10 understand that. We're actually looking
11 at -- we're in the very early stages of
12 trying to place a shopping center, and I
13 don't know if that's the correct
14 definition, but it's a relatively
15 mid-size shopping facility and it's
16 across from some new homes that we built,
17 and I'm not sure if the 60-foot
18 requirement fits in that particular case,
19 but I'd be concerned, because the North
20 Philadelphia part of my district,
21 actually further south in Center City and
22 Fairmount, there are some small, I guess,
23 like shopping strips, strip malls, and
24 they are like on a residential block,
25 right in the middle of the residential

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2 block.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Right.
4 The difference is, Area Shopping Center
5 is usually very large. I can only
6 anticipate -- I may be wrong, but if
7 someone were living across a regular
8 34-foot-wide or narrower street from a
9 major shopping center and they had
10 traffic ingress and egress on a regular
11 basis, they'd be very happy to close off
12 that shopping center exit, assuming that
13 there's a major exit on a major street
14 around the corner. And so it would give
15 a lot of relief. It actually makes
16 sense, although it's being brought up by
17 a specific construction project that
18 was -- that's a change in what's been
19 there for 30-some years. It makes sense
20 not to have these major ingress and
21 egress driveways across from homes.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Councilman.

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2 Sir, would you please identify
3 yourself for the record and proceed with
4 your testimony.

5 MR. TEVELSON: Good morning.

6 My name is Larry Tevelson,
7 T-E-V-E-L-S-O-N. I live at 815 Barlow
8 Street. I thank you for letting me
9 testify today.

10 The situation with the Home
11 Depot is going to greatly affect our
12 community as a whole, basically on a
13 couple issues. One will be noise and one
14 will be safety. The increased traffic,
15 the way the Home Depot is situated now,
16 it's going to be their main entrance and
17 exit, because it's right in front of
18 their property. That's going to make all
19 of their contractors, all of their
20 regular customers go in and out of that
21 street, dumping right off onto Hendrix.

22 As it is right now, there's
23 only one traffic light at Bustleton
24 Avenue. The City has put in some stop
25 signs, but if you go to that

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2 neighborhood, you'll see that the people
3 disregard the stop signs on a regular
4 basis as it is now. The increased
5 traffic there is just going to be a
6 safety hazard.

7 Right down the block from where
8 this Home Depot is the City put in a
9 park-type thing. It's a City block that
10 has trees. The Councilman has put in a
11 paved bike path around it. It's nearly
12 at certain times of the day impossible to
13 walk across there. People ride their
14 bikes there, walk their dogs. Their kids
15 go there to play and ride their bikes.
16 And I go there every day. At times of
17 the day it's impossible now to cross the
18 street there. With the increased traffic
19 from Home Depot on Hendrix, I guarantee
20 there will be accidents and it will just
21 make the quality of life very difficult.
22 And that's the safety aspect.

23 The other aspect is the noise
24 with the increased traffic. We have
25 houses and people living literally across

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2 the street, almost within reaching
3 distance of this Home Depot. The noise
4 from their trucks -- Home Depot says it's
5 going to be one or two delivery trucks a
6 day. I worked at Home Depot for nine
7 years previously. That's probably a very
8 small estimate of how many trucks will be
9 there. Once they realize how bad
10 Bustleton Avenue is traffic-wise, they're
11 going to look -- the truckers, who get
12 paid by their time, are going to look for
13 a quicker, easier way to get into that
14 Home Depot, which is going to be Hendrix
15 Street.

16 As it is now, because the
17 traffic on Bustleton and Byberry gets so
18 congested, people use our area as a
19 through-way to get through. I just don't
20 think that because this Home Depot is
21 there that the people's lives in our
22 neighborhood should be adversely affected
23 by the commercial traffic that is now
24 going to be placed on Hendrix Street.

25 It's one thing for having

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2 people's cars and UPS trucks and whatnot,
3 but just last night one of my neighbors
4 has said that they had an 18-wheeler
5 sitting out there running all night long.
6 Now, I know there's idling laws. I'm a
7 police officer. I know that there's
8 tickets to be done, but that doesn't help
9 for when you're woken up in the middle of
10 the night to an 18-wheeler sitting across
11 from your house.

12 And I just think that -- Home
13 Depot has every right to be there, okay,
14 and it's good for the community as a
15 whole, but this driveway and their
16 entrance and exit literally across from
17 our homes -- we had no choice in the
18 matter, so we're stuck. So this is -- if
19 you're trying to get across the street or
20 trying to get out, I mean, there's a
21 firehouse right next to where we live and
22 at the community meeting, the firemen
23 were having a problem even with their
24 vehicles.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is

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2 affecting your quality of life for you
3 and your neighbors. It's obvious.

4 MR. TEVELSON: Greatly.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Certainly.

6 Any questions for this witness?

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

8 Councilman, Mr. Chair, I do have an
9 amendment that was brought up that -- and
10 I mentioned it in my testimony -- that
11 police, fire emergency vehicles, any
12 government vehicles that need to get
13 access to the property would be excepted,
14 and I think you have a copy of the
15 amendment.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yes, we
17 do. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

18 Mr. Denny.

19 MR. DENNY: Good morning,
20 Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.
21 Thank you for the opportunity to appear
22 before you today. My name is Charles
23 Denny. I am the Acting Chief Traffic
24 Engineer for the Department of Streets
25 and I'm here to offer testimony on Bill

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2 No. 070016.

3 The Streets Department cannot
4 support this bill. We are unsure of the
5 ramifications of the bill. We understand
6 the desire to control access from large
7 centers on residential streets. However,
8 The Philadelphia Code, Section 14-309(1)
9 defines the minimum Area Shopping Center
10 District as 80,000 square feet. This
11 would be a lot size of 200 feet by 400
12 feet. The Leo Mall Center is 750 feet by
13 890 feet, or 666,500 square feet. This
14 would be eight times the minimum size.
15 We are unsure of the effect of this bill
16 on small shopping centers in older
17 sections of the City with narrow streets
18 as well as well-defined grid patterns. A
19 small shopping center located on a half
20 of a City block measuring 250 by 500 feet
21 totals 125,000 square feet and could be
22 bordered by four one-way streets, and
23 restricting access to a single street
24 could place unfair burden on that street.

25 Our second concern with a

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2 redeveloped parcel, a developer could
3 choose to keep existing poorly located
4 driveways instead of consolidating
5 driveways to avoid the intention of this
6 bill. The Streets Department would like
7 additional time to review this bill with
8 the Planning Commission to determine the
9 proper size requirement and restrictions.

10 Thank you for the opportunity
11 to appear before you today and I would be
12 happy to answer any questions.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
14 Councilman O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.
16 Actually, I think I thanked Mr. Denny in
17 my testimony indirectly when I was
18 speaking to Councilman Clarke for
19 pointing out the potential small size of
20 an Area Shopping Center-zoned district.
21 I have not found one yet, and I thank the
22 gentleman to the extent that I do.
23 Usually they're zoned C-7 or Neighborhood
24 Shopping Center. We'll deal with that.
25 There can be another amendment on first

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2 or second reading to increase the size.

3 Generally, my experience has
4 been and the Planning Commission has
5 indicated to me that they're pretty large
6 centers that they recommend being zoned
7 Area Shopping Center for different
8 reasons, parking, whatever the
9 requirements are that go into that.

10 Generally, what we would think as
11 neighborhood commercial strips or
12 shopping centers are the ones that
13 Mr. Denny described that have small
14 streets sometimes on both sides of them,
15 that that is a different kind of zoning.
16 But to the extent that I find them -- and
17 there's a very finite number of these,
18 and the Planning Commission is doing the
19 research -- I will make the corrections,
20 if needed. In many cases, we may be
21 correcting a wrong of many years -- and
22 the District Councilmember may agree --
23 in an area where people have just put up
24 with it because they didn't think there
25 was any relief, where they have a large

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2 street as the main entrance and they're
3 the shortcut out the side.

4 So I appreciate that. And in
5 terms of future situations where
6 developers may want to somehow take this
7 and make it worse, make their center's
8 entrance and exit a worse situation that
9 would otherwise exist, I can't imagine
10 it, but I do know that when a center is
11 put in for the first time, there is a ton
12 of input through the District
13 Councilmember's office, the local
14 community group and the immediate
15 neighbors, and I'm sure that will be
16 taken into consideration.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Councilman.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: But I
20 think as a common-sense thing, this is
21 something we really shouldn't have in the
22 City.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I agree.
24 Thank you.

25 Anyone else here to testify on

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2 this bill, for or against it?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
5 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
6 next bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 070078, an
8 ordinance regulating the direction of
9 movement of traffic on Oxford Street
10 between Broad Street and 13th Street.

11 MR. WASHINGTON: Good morning,
12 Mr. Chairman and members of the
13 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
14 to appear before you today. My name is
15 Mark Washington and I'm a District
16 Traffic Engineer with the Department of
17 Streets. I'm here today to offer
18 testimony on Bill No. 070078, a bill
19 regulating the direction of movement of
20 traffic to two-way on Oxford Street
21 between Broad Street and 13th Street.

22 The Streets Department supports
23 the proposed traffic pattern change. The
24 proposed traffic pattern change supports
25 the proposed development at Progress

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2 Plaza. We expect traffic sign and
3 pavement marking work to be completed
4 within three weeks.

5 Thank you for the opportunity
6 to appear before you today. I will be
7 happy to answer any questions you may
8 have at this time.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
10 questions for this witness?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
13 else here who wishes to testify for or
14 against this bill?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
17 none, I will ask Mr. Abernathy to read
18 the title of the next bill.

19 THE CLERK: Bill No. 070074, an
20 ordinance granting permission to Krishna
21 Krupa, LLC, owner and operator of the
22 newsstand located on the northwest corner
23 of Broad and Locust Streets, to
24 construct, use and maintain conduits for
25 fiberoptic facilities in, under and

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2 across the northwest corner of Broad and
3 Locust Streets for the purpose of
4 supplying electrical service and
5 telephone service to said newsstand.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
7 morning.

8 MR. MAUTZ: Good morning,
9 Chairman and members of the Committee.
10 My name is William Mautz and I'm a
11 Construction Engineer with the Streets
12 Department. I'm here to offer the
13 following testimony for Bill No. 070074.

14 This bill grants permission to
15 Krishna Krupa, LLC, owner and operator of
16 the newsstand at the northwest corner of
17 Broad and Locust Street, to construct,
18 use and maintain an electrical conduit
19 with electrical service line and a
20 telecommunications conduit with a
21 telephone service line in and under the
22 public rights-of-way for the purpose of
23 supplying electrical and telephone
24 service to the newsstand.

25 The Streets Department has

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2 reviewed the construction plans for this
3 project and has no objection to the
4 passage of the bill.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Any questions for this witness
7 from the Committee?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
10 else here who wishes to testify for or
11 against the bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'd ask
14 Mr. Abernathy to read the title of the
15 next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060898, an
17 ordinance authorizing and directing the
18 placing upon City Plan No. 350 of a
19 certain 50-foot-wide and a certain
20 60-foot-wide right-of-way for water main
21 purposes and drainage purposes in the
22 area northeast of Susquehanna Road and
23 northwest of Verree Road, under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good

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2 morning again.

3 MR. MORELLI: Good morning, Mr.
4 Chairman and members of the Committee.
5 My name is Frank Morelli, Survey Bureau
6 Manager of the Department of Streets, and
7 the Department of Streets would like to
8 offer the following testimony on Bill
9 060898.

10 This is not an Administrative
11 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
12 Mr. Timothy Boles, P.E. of Boles, Smyth
13 Associates, Incorporated, 2400 Chestnut
14 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

15 The purpose of this ordinance
16 is to place a right-of-way for water main
17 purposes and drainage purposes so private
18 cost sewer and water lines can be
19 constructed.

20 This ordinance is supported by
21 the Department of Streets and is
22 recommended to your Committee for
23 favorable action.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
25 Any questions?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
4 else here who wishes to testify for or
5 against the bill?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
8 none, Mr. Abernathy, please read the
9 title of the next bill.

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060899, an
11 ordinance authorizing and directing the
12 revision of lines and grades on a portion
13 of City Plan No. 359 by placing on the
14 City Plan St. Thomas Drive, on the
15 northeasterly side of Tomlinson Road, at
16 a distance of approximately 158 feet
17 northwest of Hoff and two 25-foot
18 rights-of-way for water main purposes and
19 emergency access purposes at the
20 cul-de-sac of proposed St. Thomas Drive,
21 the first leading in a generally
22 southeasterly direction and the second
23 leading in a generally northwesterly
24 direction, under certain terms and
25 conditions, including the dedication to

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2 the City, free and clear of all
3 encumbrances, of the bed of St. Thomas
4 Drive.

5 MR. MORELLI: Good morning, Mr.
6 Chairman and members of the Committee.
7 My name is Frank Morelli, Survey Bureau
8 Manager of the Department of Streets, and
9 the Department of Streets would like to
10 offer the following testimony on Bill No.
11 060899.

12 This is not an Administrative
13 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
14 Mr. Brett Feldman, Esquire of Klehr,
15 Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg and Ellers,
16 LLP, 260 South Broad Street,
17 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

18 The purpose of this ordinance
19 is to place St. Thomas Drive on the City
20 Plan to facilitate the construction of 42
21 single-family homes on approximately a
22 9.7-acre property.

23 This ordinance is supported by
24 the Department of Streets and is
25 recommended to your Committee for

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2 favorable action.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 Good morning.

5 MR. SOFFER: Good morning,
6 Chairman and members of the Streets and
7 Services Committee. My name is Martin
8 Soffer. I am the Director of the
9 Development Planning Division. I am here
10 today to testify on behalf of the City
11 Planning Commission.

12 The purpose of this ordinance
13 is to allow for the placement of a new
14 street; namely, St. Dennis (sic) Drive,
15 and two rights-of-way to allow for
16 emergency access and the construction of
17 42 new detached dwellings.

18 The Planning Commission
19 approved a preliminary plat of
20 subdivision for this development at its
21 meeting on September 19, 2006.

22 Therefore, the Planning Commission
23 recommends that Bill No. 060899 be
24 approved.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

3 Any questions for these

4 witnesses?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

7 else here who wishes to testify?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing

10 none, Mr. Abernathy, title of the next

11 bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060900, an

13 ordinance authorizing the paving of St.

14 Thomas Drive, under certain terms and

15 conditions.

16 MR. MORELLI: Good morning, Mr.

17 Chairman and members of the Committee.

18 My name is Frank Morelli, Survey Bureau

19 Manager of the Department of Streets, and

20 the Department of Streets would like to

21 offer the following testimony on Bill No.

22 060900.

23 This is not an Administrative

24 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by

25 Mr. Brett Feldman, Esquire of Klehr,

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2 Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg and Ellers,
3 LLP, 260 South Broad Street,
4 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

5 The purpose this ordinance is
6 to authorize the paving of St. Thomas
7 Drive to facilitate the construction of
8 42 single-family homes on approximately a
9 9.7-acre property.

10 This ordinance is supported by
11 the Department of Streets and is
12 recommended to your Committee for
13 favorable action.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions for this witness?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

18 else here who wishes to testify?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
21 none, Mr. Abernathy, title of the next
22 bill.

23 THE CLERK: That's it.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: That was
25 it?

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2 This concludes the public
3 hearing on the Committee of Streets and
4 Services. We will now move into the
5 public meeting. However, we will have to
6 delay that meeting for a few minutes,
7 waiting for the other members of this
8 Committee to return. Thank you.

9 (Pause.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We will
11 reconvene now with the public meeting on
12 the Committee of Streets and Services.
13 The Council President has appointed
14 Councilmember O'Neill to this Committee
15 for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Ramos.

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
19 070046 be reported out of Committee.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
22 recommended that Bill No. 070046 be
23 reported out of this Committee with a
24 favorable recommendation.

25 All those in favor signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

8 is approved.

9 Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that

11 Bill No. 060898 be reported out of

12 Committee with a favorable recommendation

13 and further move that the rules of

14 Council be suspended to permit first

15 reading of this bill at our next Council

16 meeting.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been

19 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.

20 060898 be reported out of this Committee

21 with a favorable recommendation and that

22 the rules of Council be suspended.

23 All those in favor signify by

24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
6 is approved.

7 Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
9 Bill No. 060899 be reported out of
10 Committee with a favorable recommendation
11 and further move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended to permit first
13 reading of this bill at our next Council
14 meeting.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
17 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
18 060899 be reported out of this Committee
19 with a favorable recommendation and that
20 the rules of Council be suspended.

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
4 is approved.

5 Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
7 Bill No. 060900 be reported out of
8 Committee with a favorable recommendation
9 and further move that the rules of
10 Council be suspended to permit first
11 reading of this bill at our next Council
12 meeting.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
15 been properly moved and seconded that
16 Bill No. 060900 be reported out of this
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation
18 and that the rules of Council be
19 suspended.

20 All those in favor signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
3 is approved.

4 The Chair asks for a reading on
5 the amendment to Bill No. 070016.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
7 the amendment as previously described
8 regarding Bill No. 070016 be adopted.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
11 properly moved and seconded that the
12 amendment to Bill No. 070016 be approved.

13 All those in favor of the
14 amendment being approved signify by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The
21 amendment is approved.

22 Councilman Ramos.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
24 Bill No. 070016, as amended, be reported
25 out of Committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation and further move that the
3 rules of Council be suspended to permit
4 first reading of this bill at our next
5 Council meeting.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
8 been properly moved and seconded that
9 Bill No. 070016, as amended, be reported
10 out of this Committee with a favorable
11 recommendation and that the rules of
12 Council be suspended.

13 All those in favor signify by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
20 is approved.

21 Councilman Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
23 Bill No. 060900 be reported out of
24 Committee with a favorable recommendation
25 and further move that the rules of

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2 Council be suspended to permit first
3 reading of this bill at our next Council
4 meeting.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We already
6 did that one.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I'm sorry.
8 I move that Bill No. 070074 be reported
9 out of Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation and further move that the
11 rules of Council be suspended to permit
12 first reading of this bill at our next
13 Council meeting.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
16 been properly moved and seconded that
17 Bill No. 070074 be reported out of this
18 Committee with a favorable recommendation
19 and that the rules of Council be
20 suspended.

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
4 is approved.

5 Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
7 Bill No. 070078 be reported out of
8 Committee with a favorable recommendation
9 and further move that the rules of
10 Council be suspended to permit first
11 reading of this bill at our next Council
12 meeting.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
15 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
16 070078 be reported out of this Committee
17 with a favorable recommendation and that
18 the rules of Council be suspended.

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Bill No.

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2 070050 is being held at the request of
3 the sponsor.

4 This concludes the public
5 meeting on the Committee of Streets and
6 Services. Thank you all for attending.

7 (Committee on Streets and
8 Services adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)

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