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Mr. Dwight Miller
32 Frederick Douglas Avenue
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RE: OCPC CEDS Committee Endorsement of
Frederick Douglas Avenue/Downtown Brockton Revitalization Plan

Dear Mr. Miller,

At their February 12, 2007 meeting, the Old Colony Planning Council Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee voted unanimously to support the Frederick Douglas/Downtown Brockton Revitalization Plan.

This project supports the effort of the City to revitalize downtown Brockton. Particularly, to continue to strengthen Downtown Brockton as a mixed use center of civic, cultural, commercial, and residential activities. This is very much in accordance with the Council's Regional Policy Plan calling for strengthening of existing, transit-served downtown areas.

More broadly, strengthening downtown will be met by the creation of a vibrant multi-purpose center which will be accessible to all through its downtown location near the heart of the BAT bus system. It will also strengthen the economic base by revitalizing underutilized commercial buildings, increase employment and enhance cultural amenities available in the city.

Accordingly, the CEDS Committee enthusiastically supports this project. Best wishes for success.

Sincerely,



Pasquale Ciaramella
Executive Director

CC: CEDS Committee Members
Downtown Brockton Association (DBA)
Ms. Mary Waldron, Director, Brockton 21st Century Development Corp