

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special meeting of the Common Council will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 108 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York. Your attendance is requested.

AGENDA

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
 - 2.1 Conference Center Resolution (resolution to be distributed under separate cover)
 - 2.3 Break in Access – Route 13 – Discussion
3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

If you have a disability that will require special arrangements to be made in order for you to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 274-6570 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

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Julie Conley Holcomb, CMC
City Clerk

Date: March 6, 2020



MEMO

To: Common Council

From: Lisa Nicholas, Deputy Director of Planning

Date: March 6, 2020

RE: Proposed Break-in-Access for Carpenter Circle Development

At the March 11, 2020 Special Meeting of Council, Planning & Engineering staff will be presenting information about the proposed new intersection on Rte 13 at Fifth Street related to the Carpenter Circle project. New intersections and other changes to NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) rights-of-way are described as Breaks-in-Access (BIAs).

Common Council has two main roles in the proposed BIA and the project in general. First, although permission for a BIA is granted by NYSDOT, it must be requested directly by the City rather than the project sponsor. This is because a BIA, though it can help a single project, must also have community-wide benefits that are of value to the greater public. Secondly, Common Council is an Involved Agency under SEQRA for the environmental review of the project due to the BIA (as well as the PUD and negotiations regarding the community garden lease and land transfer). The goal of the presentation is to provide you with an understanding of the impacts, benefits and mitigations for this proposal to help you carry out these roles.

The presentation will last 10-15 minutes and will cover the following information:

1. BIA process and Council's role
2. What is being proposed
3. Community Benefits
4. Impacts on vehicular travel in the corridor
5. Mitigations and mitigation factors

After the presentation we'd like a discussion on balancing the impacts to vehicular traffic with the benefits of the project, the implementation of the City's vision for Rte. 13 and the transformation of the waterfront as described in the recently adopted Waterfront Plan and the 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

The following background information is available:

[FEAF-Impact-on-Transportation---Draft](#)

[Carpenter-Park-BIA-Report-Revised-01-08-20](#)

[2018 Route13 Corridor City BUILD Grant Application](#)