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## ***Mayor Healy Announces Jersey City Will Create New Transportation Master Plan Goal is to develop a citywide transportation network that will reduce traffic congestion***

JERSEY CITY -- **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** recently announced that Jersey City is soliciting proposals to create a new Circulation Element for its Transportation Master Plan, which will support the efficient movement of people and goods throughout the city.

The purpose of the project is to create an action-oriented plan for a citywide transportation network that will be pedestrian friendly and reduce future traffic congestion. It will include a reliable mass transit component to service home, workplace and other daily destinations. Furthermore, the plan will address the efficient transport and delivery of goods to and from industrial areas and commercial businesses.

The City has budgeted \$220,000 for the Circulation Element, of which 80% is federally funded by a grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). The effort is being spearheaded by the Jersey City Division of Planning.

“Jersey City is the fastest growing city in the state,” said **Mayor Healy**. “It is imperative that we expand the capacity of our transportation system in order to foster continuing economic and housing growth in the City. This effort will enhance the quality of life for all of our residents.”

Numerous experts are serving in an advisory capacity, including representatives of the NJ Department of Transportation, NJ Transit, NJ Turnpike Authority, Port Authority of NY and NJ, Jersey City Division of Traffic and transportation and the Jersey City Division of Engineering.

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“The Mayor has made it quite clear that it is of the utmost importance that we have a comprehensive and well thought out plan for all of our transportation needs,” said **Carl Czaplicki, Director of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce**, which oversees the Division of City Planning. “At the same time, we must continue to push for key mass transportation initiatives that are already underway.”

A consultant will be selected by the end of the year and the work on the project will begin in January 2008. Public participation will play a key role in the planning process.

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