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Bristol, CT, February 16, 2006 – In a prepared release, Mayor William T. Stortz announced that he had received good news from DECD regarding the Downtown Economic Development effort.

“DECD has indicated that they are in the process of expanding the EIE scope of effort,” said Stortz. “This is what I had requested in an earlier meeting with DECD and had followed up in a written request in January.”

Stortz stated, “Obviously, the state needs additional information regarding the two new sites, which we will provide as quickly as possible. I have indicated that Bristol will work with them in every way possible to assure a favorable result.”

Stortz continued, “Since the city had previously committed to a certain configuration on the mall site, which was linked to the cities request for state bonding assistance, approval for modification was required. Now that the state has indicated they will expand the area of interest, we can and will, move forward. Based on significant feedback, the two additional sites now being considered are the Memorial Boulevard School for the community theater and the Chic Miller site for the Boys and Girls Club.”

I am optimistic that we can meet the requirements, do it in a way which will reduce the need for significant taxpayers’ dollars and move forward in developing the overall Bristol downtown area,” concluded Stortz.

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