

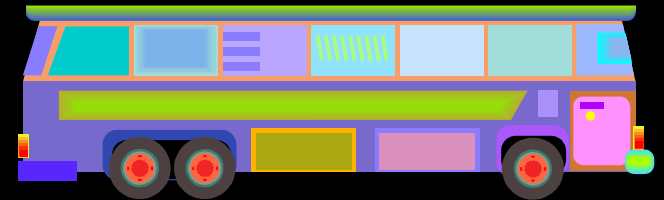


Worcester, MA.....

A City on the move



Joseph M. Petty, City Councilor – At Large



*Max DePree,  
Retired CEO of HermanMiller, A  
Fortune 500 Company & Author*



**“We Cannot  
Become What  
We Need To  
Be, Remaining  
What We Are”**

# *Presentation Overview*

1. Public Service & Transportation Committee
2. Why Transportation Is Essential to Worcester's Long Term Growth
3. Initiatives and Opportunities Linked Directly to Worcester's Transportation Assets
4. Additional Benefits Derived from Enhanced Transportation Networks
5. Implementation Strategies to Move Worcester Forward
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# *Public Service & Transportation Committee*

- Worcester Regional Transit Authority
- Worcester Regional Airport
- Worcester's Partnership with MassPort
- Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
- Local Transportation Networks – taxi cabs
- Public Service Corporations
  - Street Lights
- Cable/Telecommunications Services

# *Why Is Transportation Essential to Worcester's Long Term Growth ?*

1. Spurs Economic Development and Expansion of the City's Tax Base
2. Facilitates an effective and efficient transportation of Goods and Services for businesses to be more competitive.
3. Creates Jobs for Worcester Residents and Surrounding Communities
4. Creates Housing Opportunities not Otherwise possible
5. Reduces Urban Sprawl
6. Good for the Environment

# *Initiatives and Opportunities Linked to Worcester's Transportation Assets*

## **1. Transit Oriented Development – CitySquare**

- ❖ \$500 Million Investment in Downtown Worcester
- ❖ 600 – 900 Units Of Housing Across from Union Station.
- ❖ 2.0 M Square Feet of Commercial and Retail Space
- ❖ Streets Reconnecting Worcester's East and West
- ❖ Worcester Common Restoration Project Complements this Development

## **2. Gateway Park**

- ❖ A 63-acre commercial industrial district, Strategically located adjacent to I-290 - containing 1.6 M square feet of building space, with Easy Access to and From Transportation.

# *Initiatives and Opportunities Linked Directly to Worcester's Transportation Assets*

## **3. Route 146/MassPike Connection**

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> largest highway investment in the MA at \$300 Million
- ❖ Four mile stretch linking the Mass Turnpike Interchange and Rt. 146 with I-290 and I-190
- ❖ Opportunities for Development, Environmental enhancements, recreation, historic preservation, and an impressive southern gateway into the city.
- ❖ Blackstone Valley National Corridor

## **4. Industrial Parks**

- ❖ South Worcester Industrial Park: An 11 Acre of Underutilized Land Near I-290, MassPike Interchange, & CSX and Providence & Worcester Rail lines.
- ❖ Airport Industrial Park

# *Additional Benefits Derived from Enhanced Transportation Networks*

## **5. Environmental Enhancements**

- ❖ Improves Air Quality and Energy Efficiency
- ❖ Mitigates Traffic Congestion and Vehicle Queuing
- ❖ Reduces Time Spent Traveling Enhancing Quality of Life
- ❖ Protects Green Space by Limiting Suburban Sprawl

# *Implementation Strategies to Move Worcester Forward*

1. Increasing Commuter Rail Service to 20 Round Trips
2. Complete Inter-modal Transportation System at Union Station by finishing Bus Ports and Parking Garage
3. Timely Completion of Route 146/MassPike Connector
4. Attract Commercial & Corporate Airline Activity to Worcester
5. New interchange on I-190 in Holden
6. Complete Infrastructure Improvements on I-290
7. Washington Square Improvements

# *Worcester Can Not Do It Alone*

- ❖ Develop a Positive Boston/Worcester relationship that is healthy for the Entire Commonwealth.
- ❖ Assist Transportation Agencies to formulate an Equitable Allocation of All State Transportation Resources
- ❖ Match Local Tax Dollars with State and Federal Resources to Maximize Transportation Investments
- ❖ Strengthening the role of Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)
- ❖ Partner With Federal / State / and Local political Delegations to Improve Transportation Assets

*Elwyn Brooks White,  
American Writer & Editor*

“Commuters give  
the city its tidal  
restlessness;  
natives give it  
solidity and  
continuity; but the  
settlers give it  
passion”

