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## New Britain to hold "visioning session" on future developments around CTfastrak stations

**NEW BRITAIN**—The City of New Britain and consultants from Milone & MacBroom will hold a "visioning session" on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to gather ideas from residents and business owners for what future developments they'd like to see near the city's three CTfastrak stops.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Britain Police Department's Community Room, 10 Chestnut Street and is open to all city residents and interested parties.

"We are hoping to hear from many individuals in our community to learn about what types and styles of developments they'd like to see around the city's CTfastrak stations," said Mayor Erin Stewart. "We have many key parcels along the busway that are ideal for transit-oriented developments."

Information gathered from the meeting will be used to create a master transit-oriented development plan that will be focused on capitalizing on transit accessibility, promoting economic development, and revitalizing the downtown.

The three CTfastrak stations in New Britain are located in the downtown area, along with locations on East and East Main Streets.

March marks the one year anniversary of the opening of CTfastrak and ridership levels have been higher than expected. The city is seeing an increase in developers interested in rehabilitating underutilized structures into new businesses or mixed-used developments.

One of the city's key development sites is the former Police Station at 125 Columbus Boulevard. The City is currently seeking a master developer for the 2.26 acre site, which is located directly across from the busway.

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