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STAFF REPORT TO THE  
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT:**

Eastern Boundary of the R.J. Corman Railroad Line Eastward Underneath the Tilghman Street Bridge to the Lehigh River

**FINDINGS:**

The City has not constructed or opened the subject street. Bridge piers were constructed for the Tilghman Street Bridge which made the construction of a street on the ground surface infeasible. The area has been used and maintained by the adjacent property owners for decades.

The vacation has been requested by the Waterfront Development Partners, LP with the intention of redeveloping approximately 25 acres of adjacent land to be known as "The Waterfront." The City's vacation of its rights underneath the Tilghman Street Bridge will enable the Waterfront Development Partners to connect the entire 25 acre Waterfront site and utilize the vacated area primarily for storm water management for The Waterfront.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the above findings, it is recommended that the City of Allentown's underlying rights to the subject street be vacated as requested. However the existing Drainage Easement, Aerial Easement and the Bridge Pier Construction Easements shall remain in place.

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