

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding under the State Local Bridge Program and sign any associated state agreements, agreements with contractors and other documents that may be desirable or necessary, including any subsequent amendments to agreements, regarding repair of the Humphrey Street Bridge over Mill River, bridge no. 03813. (City Engineer)

ADVICE: **Approval**

BACKGROUND

The Humphrey Street Bridge over the Mill River was identified by the CTDOT as being in poor condition, including that the bridge foundations were determined to be scour critical and in need of repair. The total cost of the project including the Design, Inspection and Construction phases is estimated at \$975,000.00. The Bridge is eligible for FY2018 State Local Bridge Program funding which allows for \$487,148.50 (50%) and the City share would be \$487,148.50 (50%). Contingent upon a commitment to fund by CTDOT, the design phase is projected to be completed by November 2018, with the construction phase proposed to start in early Spring 2019 with an anticipated completion by the Fall 2019.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In 1984, the General Assembly created the Local Bridge Program as part of the State's Infrastructure Renewal Program to help municipalities with the removal, replacement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of local bridges. Various projects, including the current Chapel Street Bridge rehabilitation, have benefitted from the program. There have been a number of investments in this area of the Mill River / Fair Haven neighborhood, including the new DISTRICT project at 470 James Street and the ongoing revitalization of the former Starter sportswear factory at 370 James Street. In turn, Humphrey Street is an increasingly important connection between the neighborhoods for commuters, residents and other road users. The area is subject to frequent flooding and further work is needed to bring the passageway into a state of good repair. For this project, the repair of the Humphrey Street Bridge over Mill River, bridge no. 03813, is an important move for New Haven. With the CTDOT classifying the substructure bridge foundations to be in poor condition, authorizing the Mayor to make the necessary moves to fix this problem can help expedite the process.

ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval of this application in support of the Mill River Bridge project.

ADOPTED: June 20, 2018
 Edward Mattison
 Chair

ATTEST: MPL
 Michael Piscitelli, AICP
 Deputy Economic Development Administrator