

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
CONCERNING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF OLIVE STREET**
(Economic Development Administrator)

REPORT: 1488-12

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board is an Order authorizing the discontinuance of a portion of orphaned roadway, formerly part of Olive Street. This portion of roadway runs from the railroad tracks that lie to the east of State Street in the vicinity of its intersection with Grove Street up to the State Street Right of Way. This roadway was orphaned when the alignment of the bridge over the railroad tracks was shifted, about 20 years ago. Instead of carrying Olive Street over the tracks at an oblique angle and then to an acute angled intersection with State Street, the new bridge crosses the tracks at a right angle and aligns with Grove Street. The orphaned portion of the street is currently used for access to several properties on the east side of State Street, but this access can be reduced to driveways and the City responsibility to maintain the ROW can be extinguished.


PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This portion of the former Olive Street alignment no longer serves any City roadway network purpose. Discontinuing the roadway will inconvenience no one and will remove the City's responsibility to maintain it. The traffic signal at the intersection may no longer be needed; this should be reviewed by the Transportation Department. Easements for any city or other utilities should be maintained

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Discontinuance of a portion of Olive Street in the best interest of the City and recommends approval. The Order and a map of the discontinued area should be filed on the Land Records.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2014
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Anne Hartjen, PLA ASLA
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