

# NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** WALL AND HIGH STREETS (portions), Report on Continued Closure per 1990 City Yale Agreement (Interim Director, Department of Transportation, Traffic & Parking).

**REPORT:** 1450-06

**ADVICE:** Approval

## BACKGROUND

Before the Board is a report on the continued closure of Wall Street, from College Street to York Street, and High Street, from Elm Street to Grove Street, per the Yale University Agreement of 1990. The 1990 Agreement (CPC 1112-03) addressed fire services, golf course operations, public walkways, cooperation with Center for the City, and taxation on Yale University properties. Under the terms of the Agreement, Yale University agreed to undertake an improvement project that closed the aforementioned portions of Wall Street and High Street to vehicular traffic and converted them to public walkways, as well as addressed the long-term vehicular parking needs of the general public. In accordance with Section 3 of the 1990 Agreement, the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department has reviewed the closure and concluded in its 20-year review that the closure of these streets continues to be beneficial to both the City and Yale and that these streets should remain closed.

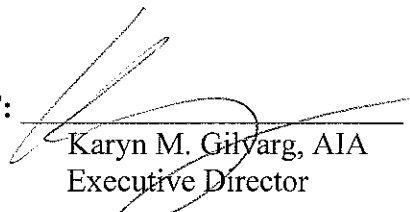
## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Based on its review, the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department finds that the public walkways are in a state of good repair. The transportation system has fully adapted and the surrounding streets operate in an acceptable manner. The existing condition generally is consistent with the terms of the agreement. Likewise, the walkways serve a mutually beneficial public purpose by providing full pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity within central campus. Replacement parking is satisfactory, as Yale University has in fact added several new garages for the public and university use, including the Prospect/Sachem Garage, the Chapel/York Garage and the Howe Street Garage, and has provide public access to Yale lots in the late afternoons, evenings and weekends.

## ADVICE

The Commission does not advise reopening any of the public walkways to public, motorized travel and believes the continued closures of Wall and High Streets appear to be in the best interest of the City, its residents, and Yale University.

**ADOPTED:** March 16, 2011  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
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Executive Director