

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **FOUNTAIN AND RAMSDELL STREETS**, Authorization to Execute an Agreement between City of New Haven and Greater New Haven Transit District toward Improvements to and Reconfiguration of the Intersection (City Engineer).

REPORT: 1450-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

At the City's request the Greater New Haven Transit District applied for and has received State grant funds in an amount of \$259,430 to offset the cost of improvements to the intersection of Fountain and Ramsdell Streets in the Westville/Beverly Hills section of the City where a primary CT Transit bus stop is located. The grant funds will be used to improve the geometric configuration of the intersection, make sidewalk and crosswalk improvements and bus shelter rehabilitation to create a safer experience for the bus ridership. Before the Board of Aldermen is an Agreement between the Transit District and the City which lays out the responsibilities for administering and completing the improvements. The Transit District will provide an additional \$170,570 above the cost of the site work to upgrade the signals which are not an eligible expenditure under the grant. The total project cost is \$430,000.

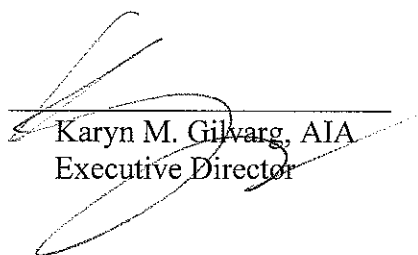
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The intersection of Fountain Street with Ramsdell Street and Lawncrest Road is in poor condition with limited sidewalk access and signalization in need of an upgrade. There is a major CT Transit bus stop in this location which serves a large population of riders, and therefore improvements are necessary to provide for safer access for residents.

ADVICE

The Commission believes the improvements are in the best interest of the City and therefore recommends the Board of Aldermen authorize the Agreement.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2011
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director