

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM**, Authorization to enter into a Supplemental Agreement for Inspection and Construction Services for the Route 34 Traffic Signal Control Modernization Project (Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking).

REPORT: 1447-07

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board of Aldermen is a request from the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking for authorization to enter into a Supplemental Agreement with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) for construction and inspection services for the Route 34 traffic signal control modernization project. This project entails traffic signal improvements at twelve intersections on North and South Frontage Roads between Orchard and College Streets as part of a broader set of improvements associated with the Smilow Cancer Center project. This Supplemental Agreement adds \$50,000 to an existing Agreement with the City's consultant VHB for \$145,700 which was previously approved by the Board of Aldermen and signed on April 9, 2010. VHB services cover all aspects of construction oversight at signal upgrades along the Route 34 corridor.

The supplemental amount of \$50,000 covers night time inspection services and concrete testing of signal foundations and sidewalks. Due to daytime congestion on Route 34, certain work has been adjusted to nighttime activity to avoid major traffic disruption.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS


Funding for this work is previously approved and available in the capital reserve for this project. As the improvements become the City's property and responsibility, the Commission believes it is in the City's better interest to have its own consultant inspect these improvements to assure they are constructed in a safe and secure manner.

ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval to the Board.

ADOPTED: December 15, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


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Executive Director