

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** TOWNSEND AVENUE AT UPSON TERRACE, Cost Sharing Agreement with the State of Connecticut for installation of a traffic signal at the intersection (Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking).

**REPORT:** 1434-09

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

The Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking has requested the Board of Aldermen's authorization to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Townsend Avenue and Upson Terrace in the East Shore neighborhood. Upson Terrace runs east-west between Woodward and Huntington Avenues and crosses Townsend Avenue south of Fort Wooster Park. ConnDOT has agreed to the installation subject to the Agreement where the State would agree to pay 90% of the cost and the City would be responsible for 10% or approximately \$10,000.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The source for the City's share of the project cost would be the FY 2009-2010 capital budget. The State conducted a traffic signal study of sightlines, speeds, traffic volumes and accident data and concluded that a traffic signal at this intersection would likely reduce the frequency of angle-type accidents. Currently there is a stop sign at Upson Terrace, and 85% of vehicles on Townsend Avenue are exceeding the speed limit of 30 mph. ConnDOT believes there will also likely be increased traffic during the I-95 Quinnipiac River Bridge construction period.

### ADVICE

The signalization of this intersection will likely calm traffic and is in keeping with the City's complete streets program. The Commission recommends **approval**.

**ADOPTED:** November 18, 2009  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director