

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: Order by the Board of Alders authorizing the City Engineer to install new sidewalks per section 27-102 of the General Ordinances on Crescent Street from Ella Grasso Boulevard to Colony Road.
Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer

REPORT: 1617-05

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

This item proposed to install new sidewalk in the existing right-of-way along the west side of Crescent St from Ella Grasso Boulevard to Colony Road. Local residents, along with their alder, have advocated for installation of the sidewalk along this two-block gap. The sidewalk leads to Bowen Field and Hillhouse Highschool and provides vital pedestrian access for the neighborhood.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, [grant funding], the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

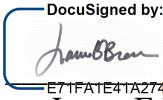
- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to **"Promote a comprehensive and integrated bicycle and pedestrian network within the city by identifying and prioritizing the missing links and implementing solutions accordingly."**

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Promotes pedestrian access to parks and schools
- Increases neighborhood walkability
- Closes a gap in pedestrian infrastructure

ADOPTED: October 6, 2022
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST:  October 7, 2022 | 5:14
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department