## **New Haven Development Commission**

July 12, 2023

CITY OF NEW HAVEN
JUSTIN ELICKER, MAYOR
BOARD OF ALDERS



## Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. DECD Challenge Grant & Development Approach
- 4. Economic Development Updates
- 5. Questions/Discussions



## An American Rescue Plan for our Community



Youth
Engagement
& Early
Childhood



I'm Home Initiative



Wealth
Creation
&
Economy



Vocational & Technical Initiative



Climate Emergency



# State & George DECD Challenge Grant Update



## **DECD Challenge Update**

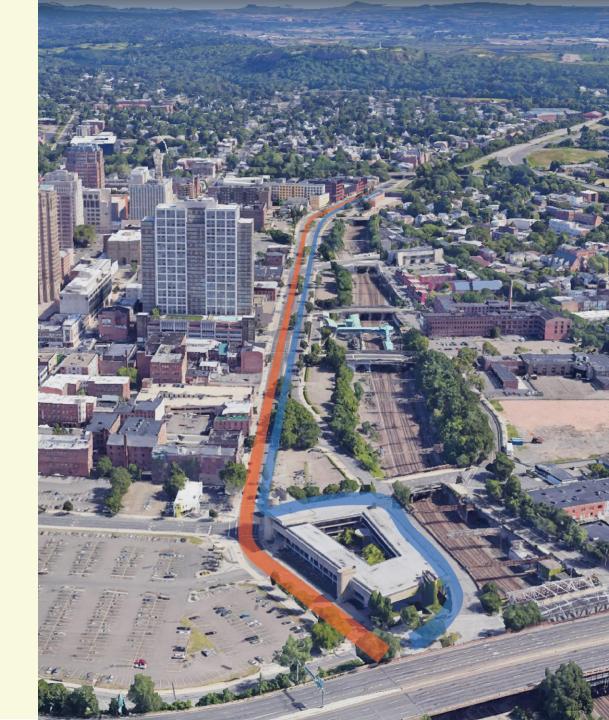
#### **Summary:**

- \$5.3M State Grant + \$1.4M Local Match supports roadway design and construction.
- Infill development opportunities along State Street (4+acres) and George Street (1 acre).
- Projects are latched together with performance targets for roadway and construction of new residential units and commercial space which together demonstrate the value of recovery plan investments.

#### **Key Policy & Regulatory Drivers**

- Statewide Transit Oriented Development Strategy
- City Inclusionary Zoning and Affordable Housing Goals
- Downtown Municipal Development Plan







#### **Understanding Development Goals**

In 2018, 50 people attended the community meeting (23 comment cards) and here is what they said,

- People like...
  - Architectural character of the neighborhood
  - Wealth of open space
  - Restaurants and cafes
  - Walkability
- People would like to see...
  - Improved pedestrian and streetscape conditions
  - Safer connections to Downtown
  - Greater diversity of businesses
  - More affordable housing options

#### In 2023, the Board of Alders priorities are,

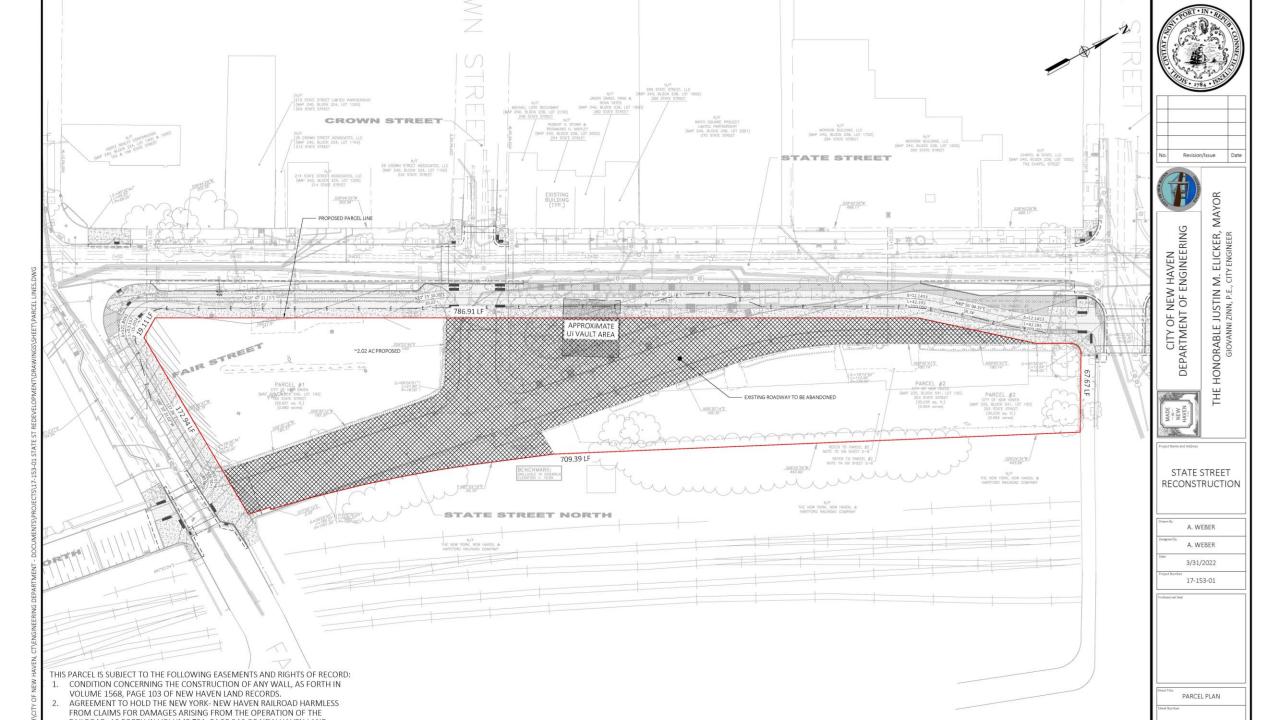
- Jobs for New Haven
- Public Safety for All
- Quality Affordable Housing
- Health Equity and Vibrant Communities
- Environmental Justice

#### ..and Potential Strategies include,

- Family Playground / Active Recreation
- Climate-Responsive Design / Mass Timber
- Construction Jobs
- Deeply Affordable / Supportive Component
- Other...







# **Initial Development Process and Proposed Implementation Steps**

#### Develop Program and Solicitation

- Initiate Market Awareness
- Complete Survey
- Delineate Reuse Parcels
- Update Conceptual Design
- Complete Environmental Assessment
- Initiate Procurement
- Convene Community
   Meeting (update on road and development process)

4th Qtr 2023

#### Initiate Public Review & Selection Process

- New Haven Development Commission
- City Plan Commission
- Board of Alders

#### Complete Selection Process

- Alignment with Roadway / Utility / Other
- Due Diligence
- Development Agreement(s)

1st Qtr 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2023



# **Economic Development Updates**

**Economic Development Administration** 



## **NHE3 Launched!**

The New Haven Entrepreneurial Ecosystem is now live for technical assistance and grant-making.

#### NHE3's Entrepreneurial Support Organizations (ESOs) provide

- Connections to capital
- Technical assistance
- Capacity-building resources

## Entrepreneurs benefit from business advisory and support services

- Webinars & Workshops
- Education & Training
- Mentoring & Coaching
- Entrepreneurial Wellness & Access to Business Financing

#### **Questions or Comments:**

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TCFMIC
The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company





## **Economic Development Updates**



The City's **NEOC** grant has been released to fund economic development activities. Accepting applications until July 25th.

Visit Bonfire

#### Eligible projects:

- Public Space/Realm Improvements
  - Small Business Costs
    - Special Events
  - Real Estate Development



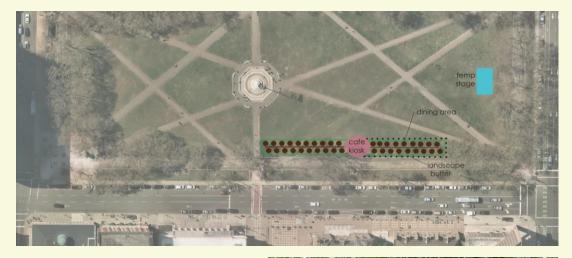
#### CIF Round 3

#### Downtown / Temple Street

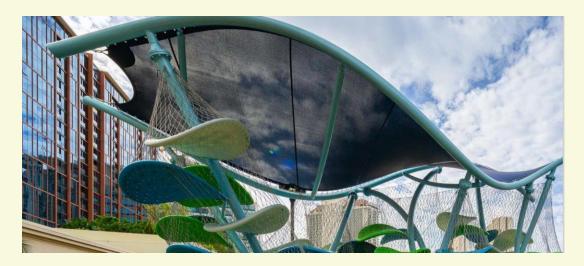
**New Haven Green:** With **\$2.2M** for Project 1, activation of the New Haven Green to include bathrooms and a Café kiosk to restore public dignity and to purchase affordable sundries close to transportation hubs

Roadway & Two-Way Conversion: With \$5M for Project 2, installation of streetscape and roadway improvements, like repurposing Temple Street into an "Woonerf," converting the one-way into a two-way, raising the intersection, and installing other streetscape improvements to the corridor, all of which reduce travel speeds, calm traffic, and increase the visibility of bicyclists and pedestrian visibility.

**Family Playground:** With \$1.5M for <u>Project 3</u>, revitalization of an underutilized, deteriorating plaza into a family park to spur recreation, memory creation, and access to green, open space.









Long Wharf / Gateway District

**Demolition & Site Predevelopment:** With \$3M for Site Prep & Readiness, demolish the old Gateway Community College Building (in red). Remediate the site and build infrastructure that maintains dry egress.

Investment: \$3.0 M

#### Benefits:

- New construction educational use
- Create direct jobs and employment pathways through vocational/community college education.
- Increase coastal inland resiliency
- Advance recommendations of POCD and Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan





### CIF Round 3

Whalley Avenue / St. Luke's

Roadway & Infrastructure: With \$1.5M for Project 1, restripe Whalley Ave. from Howe to Ella Grasso, while installing critical intersection and roadway improvements to calm traffic and increase pedestrian and cyclist visibility.

Streetscape Improvements: With \$750k for Project 2, install and upgrade sidewalks, curbs, street furniture, lighting, green infrastructure, small businesses' exterior facades, and other permanent improvements to entryway corridors in commercial districts.

**St. Luke Project:** With **\$6M** for <u>Project 3</u>, transform deteriorating buildings and underutilized lots into a public amenity for the provision of an 89% affordable 55-unit housing complex (30-80% AMI) with retail on the ground level.











## City of New Haven Brownfield Program

#### AWARDEDJUNE 22, 2023!

- 112 Chapel St: \$804,485 grant to remediate the 0.6-acre property to serve as a parking and loading area for a new 10,000 square foot warehouse for Art to Frames, a manufacturing company that produces framing and a variety of home improvement decorative products.
- **156 Dixwell Ave**: \$4,000,000 grant to complete demolition, abatement, and remediation of the 7.6-acre site to enable the redevelopment of ConnCAT Place headquarters, Hill Health Center clinic, a daycare facility, 184 rental housing units (20% affordable), an office building, townhomes, and a 19,855 square foot performing arts center.
- **135 Fulton Terr**: \$207,900 grant for cleanup activities on the 0.55-acre property to enable a new 28,000 square foot, pre-engineered warehouse building.
- **34 Level St**: \$999,999 loan for abatement and remediation of the 5.97-acre former nursing home facility to be redeveloped into a 50-unit, elderly supportive housing development.

National
Recognition for
our Small
Business
Community!







## Thank You / Discussion

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