NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Authorizing the Mayor to accept funding

from Yale University and construct a sidewalk on the north side of Pearl Street west of

Orange Street. (Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer)

REPORT: 1571-09 ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

Yale University has offered to contribute up to \$50,000 to install a new sidewalk along the north side of Pearl Street west of Orange Street. This sidewalk is located in a very high pedestrian traffic area and has been the subject of numerous resident concerns. The Resource Allocation Committee has authorized \$40,000 as well to cover the remainder of the work. These funds will enable the City of New Haven to improve walkability for pedestrian traffic and make a lasting improvement in the infrastructure of the City.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Pearl St west of Orange St is a heavily used pedestrian way, yet there is no sidewalk on the north side of Pearl Street west of Orange Street.

Adding a new sidewalk along a section of Pearl Street, complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan goals of preserving, maintaining and enhancing pedestrian access and network:

New Haven Vision 2025, xxvii:

"Build a comprehensive and integrated bicycle and pedestrian network within the city by identifying and prioritizing the missing links and implementing solutions accordingly."

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: July 15, 2020 ATTEST:

Edward Mattison Aïcha Woods

Chair Executive Director, City Plan Department