

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CTDOT) UNDER THE FEDERAL FIXING AMERICA’S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT (FAST ACT) PROGRAM, ET AL IN COLLABORATION WITH HAMDEN AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, TO INSTALL RAISED CROSSINGS AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE FARMINGTON CANAL HERITAGE TRAIL

REPORT: **1577-02**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven seeks approval to peruse funding from The State Department of Transportation (CTDOT) under the Federal Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) Program, to install raised crossings and associated safety equipment at up to seven locations (depending on final budget) throughout the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in New Haven (there are up to nine locations in Hamden as well).

The City of New Haven entered into a joint application submission with the Town of Hamden. As the Town of Hamden is the principal applicant, the City of New Haven will have to enter into an MOU with Hamden for New Haven’s portion of the funding.

These funds will enable the City of New Haven to install pedestrian-friendly raised crossings at Munson, Division, Thompson, Shelton, Ivy, Brewster, and Bassett Streets for all residents utilizing the Trail.

The funding provides 80% (\$772,500~) of the project cost, with a 20% local match from City Street Reconstruction bond funds (\$154,500~). These numbers are approximate in nature as the grant is split between the Town of Hamden and the City of New Haven, and costs will vary depending on specific site work for each location.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan **New Haven Vision 2025** calls:

“To build a continuous and inter-connected trail network within the city by updating the vision outlined in the Plan for Greenways & Cycling Systems (2004) and completing Phase IV of the Farmington Canal Trail.” (Sec. xxvii)

Perusing funding opportunities to install raised crossings and associated safety equipment along the Farmington Canal Trail complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: November 18, 2020
Ed Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: Aicha Woods
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Executive Director, City Plan Department