

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER (PAL) AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS FOR THE I-95 OVER THE WEST RIVER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERCHANGE NOS. 44 (KIMBERLY AVENUE) AND 45 (ROUTE 10/ELLA GRASSO BOULEVARD) WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REPORT: 1577-03
ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has undertaken the reconstruction of the West River Bridge for I-95. The project is to replace the structurally deficient bridge while providing safety and operational improvements.

As part of the project, the CT DOT undertook various work on local roads, including: The West River Bridge for I-95 replacement, extending Sea Street from Greenwich Avenue to the intersection of Ella Grasso Boulevard and the I-95 northbound Exit 44 off-ramp, and the construction of a portion of the City's Harborside Trail which connects Kimberly Avenue to the public trail located at the now, or formerly known as the Harbor Landing Condominiums.

To the City's request and in coordination with the community, traffic calming measures, such as a roundabout, speed tables, and bump-outs, were incorporated into the project.

The City of New Haven will continue to maintain its local roads under the agreement and the improvements undertaken by the CT DOT, upon completion of construction.

To memorialize the acceptance of the improvements done by CT DOT the City is required to sign a Project Authorization Letter (PAL).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan **New Haven Vision 2025, Sec. V-22** calls to:

“Ensure pedestrian safety by implementing traffic calming solutions at poorly designed, high volume, and/or accident prone locations of the city”

Signing the PAL to formalize the City's acceptance of the improvements done by CT DOT, 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
 Executive Director, City Plan Department