

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS (PALS) FOR MAJOR CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD, QUINNIPIAC AVENUE, VALLEY ST, WHALLEY AVENUE, AND WHITNEY AVENUE UTILIZING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) FUNDING

REPORT: 1583-06
ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

Lighthouse Road, South Frontage Road, Quinnipiac Avenue, Valley Street, Whalley Avenue, and Whitney Avenue are classified as major arterial roads and are in need of improvements such as the addition of enhanced crosswalks, bike lanes, sidewalks, milling and paving, adjusting intersection geometry, improving drainage and adding green stormwater infrastructure, improved lighting, and other improvements. The City has had community input meetings and is designing preliminary plans to improve six major arterial roads.

The City has received notification from the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that these projects are eligible for 100% LOTICIP funding. Under LOTICIP, the City is responsible for creating the design, while LOTICIP covers 100% of the construction costs. The project will be administered by the City of New Haven and upon approval by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

The goal of the Major Corridors initiative is to improve the safety of our main streets throughout New Haven. The City will continue to engage the public throughout the design phase process.

The proposed action authorizes the Mayor to sign Project Authorization Letters for the Major Corridor Improvement Projects for approximately \$14.3M from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Major Corridors initiative focuses on improving the safety of the City's main streets while utilizing public input throughout New Haven. The approval of the resolutions authorizes the Mayor to sign Project Authorization Letters for the Major Corridor Improvement Projects for approximately \$14.3M from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:

New Haven Vision 2025

“Improve the quality of existing sidewalks and implement new sidewalks on city's collector streets e.g., Russell Street, Quinnipiac Avenue, lower Valley Street, and Foxon Boulevard.” (Sec. V-19)

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: April 21, 2021
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: Aicha Woods
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Executive Director, City Plan Department