

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving the disposal of a parcel of land constituting a portion of 200 Derby Avenue in the form of a defined traffic easement to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator)

REPORT: **1583-13**
ADVICE: **Approval**

BACKGROUND

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (“CT DOT”) is currently acquiring property for the Project known as US Route 1 (Orange Avenue) and US Route 1 (Columbus Avenue) at Route 10 (Ella T. Grasso Boulevard) and Davenport Avenue (the “Project”). Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute(s) and as required for the Project, the Commissioner of Transportation finds it necessary to acquire from the City of New Haven (the “City”) a portion of 200 Derby Avenue measuring approximately 381 square feet (the “City Property”).

CT DOT’s offer of compensation to the City in exchange for the City Property is \$1,500. This offer is based upon the Estimate of Compensation for this parcel as prepared by CT DOT’s Division of Rights of Way.

The acquisition of the City Property enables CT DOT to install and maintain traffic signalization and appurtenances at this intersection including proposed pedestrian ramps and pedestrian push buttons and signals where none currently exist. In the last year alone, four of the twenty pedestrian fatalities involving motor vehicles statewide have occurred at or within a quarter mile of this intersection thereby underscoring the importance of the installation of pedestrian safety improvements as quickly as possible at this location.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The acquisition of the City Property allows the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, to install the necessary infrastructure for pedestrian safety improvements and complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:


New Haven Vision, 2025, Sec. V-12:

“Community survey responses indicate that expanding public transportation opportunities along with improving public safety and enhancing bike/ped connectivity are rated as the top transportation priorities for the next decade by residents.”

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: April 21, 2021
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department