

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: [RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS](#) authorizing the Mayor to sign a maintenance agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Townsend Avenue raised crosswalk.

Submitted by: City Engineer

REPORT: 1681-13
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

In collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT), the City of New Haven, led by the Engineering Department, is planning to install new crosswalks across Townsend Avenue in the vicinity of the Pardee Seawall, at Florence Avenue and Beecher Place.

The proposed improvements include sidewalk and ramp improvements, installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), and installation of crosswalk markings. The installation is planned for 2026.

The CT DOT and the City would like to execute a maintenance agreement to delineate maintenance responsibilities for the improvements. The City of New Haven is already responsible for the sidewalks under state law (delegated to the adjacent property owners by City ordinance) and will also undertake maintenance of the RRFBs. The CT DOT will maintain all the pavement markings as part of the project.

100% construction documents for the project are included in the application materials, which include site plans and details for the proposed improvements.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

[Vision 2034](#), **New Haven's Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Move Together

Goal 1: Eliminate deaths and injuries caused by motor vehicles.

- Strategy 1.3: Continue to implement Complete Streets Plans to address neighborhood safety concerns.

Goal 2: Make the transportation system fully accessible to people with disabilities.

- Strategy 2.4: Improve roadway crossing facilities across the City to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities.

Goal 3: Make it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and use mobility devices and public transportation.

- Strategy 3.3: Improve and expand the City's sidewalk network and pedestrian crossing facilities.

By coordinating with Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT), the proposed improvements to Townsend Avenue advance the City's goals of enhancing pedestrian safety and accessibility for New Haven residents. Authorization of the maintenance agreement with CT DOT would enable the City to achieve these goals.

ADVICE

Authorization of this maintenance agreement aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADOPTED: April 15, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department