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Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers
President - Board of Alders
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165 Church Street
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM AND ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE WINTERGREEN AREA PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has offered a \$669,600 grant to the City of New Haven for the Wintergreen Area Pedestrian Improvements Project as part of the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program. The aim of the project is to improve pedestrian connectivity in the Wintergreen area by installing sidewalk along Wintergreen Avenue, Springside Dr, and Wilmot Rd. These sidewalks will connect Common Ground High School, Brennan-Rodgers School, Brookside, Rockview, and Westville Manor to the City's sidewalk network (see attached plans). These improvements have been advocated for by students and residents for years, and are eagerly awaited.

Due to the narrow width of the Wintergreen Avenue bridge over Wintergreen Brook, a separate pedestrian bridge is needed to provide safe passage for pedestrians. This requires acquisition of property from the Congregation B'nai Jacob cemetery on Wintergreen Avenue. The land in question is at the extreme corner of the property (see attached map) and is currently wooded. We have started to work on the acquisition and will provide details at the committee hearing.

The grant covers the entire eligible construction cost of the project. The City is undertaking the design of the project, and also the property acquisition. Design is anticipated to be complete later in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-946-8105.

Respectfully submitted,

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