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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING STREET CLOSURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 16TH ANNUAL CLOSER TO FREE RIDE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026.

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WHEREAS, in its 16th year, the Closer to Free Ride is a tradition in the City of New Haven; and

WHEREAS, the 16th annual Closer to Free Ride shall be held Saturday, September 19th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the race begins just after 7am and riders begin returning at 7:30; and

WHEREAS, the Closer to Free Ride benefits the Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, the Ride has grown in popularity and size over time; and

WHEREAS, the Ride had several routes, ranging in distances from 10 miles to 100 miles; and

WHEREAS, the 10 mile ride is supported with rolling closures of the route; and

WHEREAS, the associated street closures shall open back up as riders clear the intersection, but this is expected to take longer than allowed for rolling closures with the full course to open within just over an hour; and

WHEREAS, Central Ave between Chapel Street and the West Haven line will be closed from 4am to 6pm to allow for setup, cleanup and ride arrivals throughout the day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVES THE STREET CLOSURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 15TH ANNUAL CLOSER TO FREE RIDE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026.

Central Ave	from	Chapel Street	to	West Haven Line
Derby Ave	from	West Haven Line	to	Ella Grasso Blvd
Ella Grasso Blvd	from	Derby Ave	to	Legion Ave
Legion Ave	from	Ella Grasso Blvd	to	Park Street
Park Street	from	Legion Ave	to	Howard Ave
Howard Ave	From	Park Street	to	York Street/Davenport
York Street	from	Howard Ave	to	George Street
George Street	from	York Street	to	Church Street
Church Street	from	George Street	to	Elm Street
Elm Street	from	Church Street	to	Orange Street
Orange Street	from	Elm Street	to	Farnum/English Drive East Rock Park

Farnum Drive	from	Rice Field	to	East Rock Road
East Rock Road	from	Farnum Drive	to	Prospect Street
Prospect Street	from	East Rock Road	to	Grove/College Street
College Street	from	Prospect/Grove Street	to	Crown Street
Crown Street	from	College Street	to	Howe Street
Howe Street	from	Crown Street	to	Chapel Street
Chapel Street	from	Howe Street	to	Central Ave