

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

October 1, 2024 – September 1, 2026

PROGRAM NAME:

(X) NEW () CONTINUATION
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$2,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE: USDOT

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The purpose of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program is to support projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY’S PROPOSAL: The City of New Haven is seeking \$2m in funding through the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program to undertake a comprehensive community planning effort aimed at breaking down barriers created by I-91 and enhancing connectivity between key neighborhoods, including Long Wharf and Fair Haven. The project will focus on three main tasks: (1) **Reconnection & Safety:** developing a buildable strategy to reconnect neighborhoods along I-91 Exits 3-6 by reclaiming land and rerouting traffic to reduce the highway's physical divide; (2) **Integrative Design:** transforming underutilized spaces beneath highways into vibrant public areas that improve bicycle and pedestrian access and foster a sense of community; and (3) **Housing & Zoning:** exploring housing development opportunities in the Mill River area, located east of I-91, to support equitable growth and revitalization.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): \$0

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: \$0

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: City Plan Department

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