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Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers
President - Board of Alders
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TOWNSEND AVENUE RAISED CROSSWALK

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

The City of New Haven worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to install the state's first raised crosswalk on a state roadway in Connecticut on Townsend Avenue in front of Nathan Hale School. This installation has been successful in reducing speed impacts in front of the school, and providing a safer crossing experience.

It is customary in Connecticut that municipalities are responsible for the maintenance of non-standard items in the State right-of-way. This raised crosswalk is no different, and the CT DOT would like to sign a maintenance agreement for the raised crosswalk. Initial drafts of the maintenance agreement required the City to remove snow and ice on the raised crosswalk, which was both impractical as State vehicles plow Townsend Avenue and also created an awkward precedent. CT DOT has agreed to remove that explicit requirement, and therefore I am comfortable presenting the current version of the proposed agreement to the Board of Alders for consideration.

The City of New Haven is very grateful to the CT DOT for allowing this installation and looks forward to working collaboratively with CT DOT on other initiatives to improve safety on state roads in New Haven.

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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