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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Project Authorization Letters (PALs) for Major Corridor Improvement Projects which include Lighthouse Road, South Frontage Road, Quinnipiac Avenue, Valley Street, Whalley Avenue, and Whitney Avenue utilizing Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) funding

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The proposed action before you authorizes the Mayor to sign Project Authorization Letters for the Major Corridor Improvement Projects for approximately \$14.3M from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

The City has had community input meetings and is designing preliminary plans for the improvements of Lighthouse Road between Townsend Avenue and Park Avenue (\$600k~), South Frontage Road between Howard Avenue and York Street (\$800k~), Quinnipiac Avenue between Townsend Ave and Foxon Blvd (\$2.7M~), Valley Street between Pond Lily Avenue to Blake Street (\$2M~), Whalley Avenue from Ella T. Grasso Boulevard to Broadway (\$5.5M~) and Whitney Avenue from Trumbull Street to the Hamden Town Line (\$2.7M~).

The goal of the Major Corridors initiative is to improve the safety of our main streets throughout New Haven. Examples of work include improving bike/pedestrian safety through the addition of enhanced crosswalks, bike lanes, sidewalks, milling and paving, adjusting intersection geometry, improving drainage and adding green stormwater infrastructure, improved lighting, and other improvements.

The City has received notification from the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that these projects are eligible for 100% LOTICIP funding. Under LOTICIP, the City is responsible for creating the design, while LOTICIP covers 100% of the construction costs. The City has held community meetings and will continue to engage the public throughout the design phase process. I would like to extend a particular thanks to all the members of the Board who have been instrumental thus far in these projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: BOA Submission Packet

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