



Transportation, Traffic and Parking

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Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
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RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR
AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS
ACT (IIJA) OF 2022 IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE SAFE ROUTES FOR ALL
(SRFA) CITYWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

June 28, 2022

Dear President Walker and the Board of Alders:

After more than three years of work by City of New Haven staff, our partners at the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement (CARE), members of the New Haven community, our consultants at Street Plans, the Steering Committee, and elected officials including those on this Board, I am pleased to submit for adoption by the Board of Alders the Safe Routes for All Citywide Transportation Plan.

The Safe Routes for All Citywide Transportation Plan is a document that will provide a blueprint and strategic vision for expanding and improving pedestrian, transit, and cycling facilities in the city of New Haven. As all on the Board are aware, improving safety for those using the public right-of-way in New Haven is a central goal of the Department of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking, and this plan provides a framework to strengthen the work towards that goal. Relatedly, as climate change continues to threaten communities around the globe, in particular coastal communities like New Haven, a greater need exists for transportation options that decrease our collective carbon emissions.

With the adoption of the Safe Routes for All Citywide Active Transportation Plan, the City of New Haven can effectively prioritize and strategize improvements that will have the greatest impact to traffic safety and connectivity. This plan was created with a respect for the context of

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equity and recognizing that certain neighborhoods in New Haven have different current needs as it relates to public right-of-way improvements.

By adopting this plan, the City of New Haven will be eligible to apply for substantial federal funding opportunities, like those in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022. Having opportunities to access infrastructure funding is crucial to ensuring that the City can fulfill the vision of a safer and more connected New Haven.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to working with you to implement this plan after adoption.

Sincerely,



Sandeep Aysola

Director, Transportation, Traffic & Parking