

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the mayor to accept funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the construction of traffic safety improvements for Rt 80 Foxon Blvd

Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, PE – City Engineer

REPORT: **1650-15**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven has been offered a grant for up to \$1,600,000 for the construction of traffic safety improvements on Rt 80 Foxon Blvd from Middletown Avenue to Quinnipiac Avenue by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. These improvements will consist of lit medians through this corridor and will provide benefits including better illumination, narrowing the roadway, pedestrian refuge, and traffic calming.

The City of New Haven will be responsible for the design and construction of the improvements by August of 2025, after which the CT DOT will then repave the roadway. The grant covers the actual cost of construction of the medians up to \$1.6M. In addition, the City will enter into an agreement with the CTDOT for the maintenance of the medians, except for snow/ice maintenance associated with the medians. This will include the cost of the energy for the lighting, repairing damage, and any landscaping of the medians. This is extremely typical for such improvements in state rights-of-way, and a necessary part of the project from the State's perspective.

The City is grateful to the State of Connecticut for their action in addressing the traffic safety needs of Foxon Blvd, and this is the product of close collaboration between the City and the State. In particular, the State Delegation from New Haven should be acknowledged for their efforts advocating for these improvements.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan **New Haven Vision 2025** states the following goals:

“Enhance public safety, particularly for the city’s most vulnerable users.” (Sec. V-13)

“Adopt multi-national Vision Zero policy, which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities.” (Sec. V-13)

Overall, pursuing grant funding opportunities for improving traffic safety on New Haven’s roadways furthers the goals of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

ADVICE

Authorization of this grant aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADOPTED: May 15, 2024
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST:

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