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Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers
President - Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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Re: Resolution of the New Haven Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to sign a Master Municipal Agreement for Construction with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for a ten year period

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

For the last 10 years, the City of New Haven has been completing infrastructure projects funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) under the framework provided by the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction between the City and CT DOT. The Master Municipal Agreement provides the legal framework (aka "boilerplate") for construction funding agreements, consisting of a large number of standard provisions. Specific projects and associated specific dollar amounts are separately authorized under the Master Municipal Agreement by an instrument known as a Project Authorization Letter (PAL). PALs are subject to **separate** and **specific** approval by the Board of Alders (as indicated in this resolution). The Board is not approving any actual construction projects in this item, but rather only the legal framework agreement. **To emphasize: the Board of Alders will continue to see separate submissions and approvals for all specific construction projects. There is no financial or project commitment in this item.**

The approval of the Master Municipal Agreement allows the CT DOT and the City of New Haven to continue to use a set of standardized requirements for funding construction projects without having to subject the entirety of the agreement to extensive review periods for each project. The Project Authorization letter includes all financial amounts and any project specific requirements, and is thus much shorter and easier to understand. While this action does not approve any specific projects or commitments, it will make many projects easier in the future.

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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