

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: [RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS](#) authorizing the City to participate in, apply for, and accept funding under the Connecticut Department of Transportation active transportation microgrant program.

Submitted by: Director of Department of Transportation Traffic & Parking

REPORT: 1681-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), in coordination with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), administers the Active Transportation Microgrant Program for municipalities and organizations within the South Central Connecticut region. This state-funded program supports small-scale, non-infrastructure initiatives that improve conditions for people walking, biking, and rolling and advance equitable, safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation options.

Through this program, the City of New Haven (the “City”) seeks authorization to participate in the Active Transportation Microgrant Program and to apply for and accept funding made available through SCRCOG during the 2026 program cycle.

The Active Transportation Microgrant Program provides funding of up to \$5,000 per award, with no local match required, for eligible items that support safe and accessible active transportation. Eligible uses include equipment, materials, and safety resources such as bicycle parking, safety gear, bicycle maintenance tools and materials, pedestrian and bicycle safety education resources, and other related equipment that helps improve conditions for vulnerable road users.

Participation in this program will allow the City to pursue small but meaningful improvements that support safe and convenient active transportation throughout New Haven. These types of investments help remove barriers that discourage walking and biking, expand access to safe mobility options, and complement the City’s ongoing efforts to improve safety and accessibility on our streets.

Per the application materials, TT&P proposes to purchase 27 bicycle racks with one of the \$5,000 grants to serve residents, students, employees, and visitors who travel by micromobility vehicles such as bicycles and scooters particularly where secure, visible parking is currently lacking. By increasing the availability of reliable bicycle parking, the project directly supports people who rely on active transportation as their primary or supplementary mode of travel.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

[Vision 2034](#), **New Haven’s Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Move Together

Goal 3: Make it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and use mobility devices and public transportation.

- Strategy 3.1: Prioritize pedestrian, bicycle, and transit enhancements, in historically low-income communities, communities of color, and areas where a high share of households don’t have access to a car.
- Strategy 3.6: Support and implement micromobility options such as shared bicycles, e-bikes, and e-scooters.

Climate & Ecological Connections

Goal 1: Reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and residential, commercial, industrial and City development.

Through this program, the City aims to continue strengthening New Haven’s active transportation network and ensuring that residents and visitors of all ages and abilities have safe and accessible options for walking, biking, and rolling. By enabling more trips to be made by micromobility devices, the project enhances accessibility, sustainability and reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Providing designated bike parking reduces sidewalk obstructions and supports orderly curb management

ADVICE

Authorization of this Order aligns with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut’s goals.

ADOPTED: April 15, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

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Executive Director, City Plan Department