



Transportation, Traffic and Parking

City of New Haven

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Mayor

Haley Simpson
Director

New Haven, CT 06510

March 5, 2026

Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN MILLION FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$11,040,000.00) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“USDOT”) UNDER THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM, CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY’S SAFE ROUTES FOR ALL (SRFA) CITYWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

Dear President Walker and the Board of Alders:

The City of New Haven is requesting authorization by the Board of Alders for the Mayor to apply and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2022. The City was able to apply for this implementation funding having previously adopted the Citywide Active Transportation Plan and was awarded \$11,040,000 for the design and implementation of the Chapel Street Safe Streets Project. This was made possible with the support of City staff, our consultants at Street Plans, elected officials including those on this Board, State legislature, and numerous other City organizations.

The SS4A grant award will help fund safety improvements along a 1.6-mile segment of Chapel Street between Ella T. Grasso Blvd. and State Street in conjunction with ongoing New Haven access, mobility, and safety projects. This corridor was selected based on a review and analysis of crash data showing it accounts for the third-highest number of fatalities, the highest number of serious injuries, the highest number of crashes across all city-owned streets, and a fatal and serious injury rate higher than any city-owned street. Additionally, Chapel Street intersects various other high-injury network corridors and is one of just two that link multiple historically

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disadvantaged neighborhoods, with majority low-income, Black and/or Latino residents, of West River, Dwight and Edgewood to and through the City's dynamic urban core.

The project includes safety countermeasures such as various traffic signal equipment, accessibility, and operations improvements, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, crosswalk enhancements, bike facility improvements, sidewalk replacements, sidewalk ramp accessibility upgrades, raised crosswalks, curb extensions, and one-way to two-way street conversions.

The Citywide Active Transportation Plan and the Chapel Street Safe Streets Project application/proposal are attached for your reference.

We are enthusiastic to have this funding opportunity for needed safety improvements in the City and thank you in advance for your support. I look forward to working with you through project implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Haley Simpson', written in a cursive style.

Haley Simpson

Director, Transportation, Traffic & Parking