

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the Mayor to accept funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation as part of the Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the execution of the Church St South Promenade Project.

Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, City of New Haven

REPORT: 1664-06

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

The New Haven Church St South Promenade Project seeks to create a better pedestrian connection between Union Station, the Hill, and Downtown by construction a wide pedestrian path on the east side of Church St South from Union Avenue to South Frontage Road. The path will be approximately 20' wide, with a 10' separation from roadway traffic. The promenade will connect into future development at Union Square and create a clear direction for visitors to New Haven arriving at Union Station.

Union Station is often the front doorstep for visitors to New Haven, and a welcoming site for our residents returning home. The Church St South Promenade coupled with other improvements to the station and surrounding area planned by the State of Connecticut and others will truly transform the first site of New Haven outside the doors of the station. The Church St South Promenade is part of that transformation and continues New Haven's tradition of investing in human-scale infrastructure.

A proposed plan is included in the meeting materials and is shown below:



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This grant proposal is in alignment with:

- The City's adopted comprehensive plan (Vision 2025), which envisions community open space and transit-oriented development at the Church Street South site.

Therefore, authorization of this grant application aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADVICE

Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: April 16, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department