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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
City of New Haven
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Dear President Walker-Myers:

The Annual New Haven Grand Prix is slated to return on Friday, September 25, 2026, hosted by Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program and the City of New Haven. The New Haven Grand Prix is professional-level cycling event to be held in downtown New Haven. This event is about highlighting the bicycling and pedestrian-friendly culture, the fun and vibrant community, and the amazing culture/food that New Haven is known for. All race proceeds help create a community where youth can learn and thrive through the sport of cycling in and out of schools across the state, including New Haven's programs.

The duration of this event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with three twilight races around the upper green and the old campus of Yale University, including youth, women's and men's races. A community festival will be in conjunction with the race entertainment including food and games.

Road closures are to take place from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Temple St. (from Elm St. to Chapel St.), on Chapel St. (Temple St. to High St.), on High St. (Chapel St. to Elm St.), and partial closures on Elm St. (High St. to Temple St.) Southbound traffic will be allowed on Elm St. from Broadway to Church St. as not to disrupt the through traffic. The corner of Temple St. and Chapel St. will be open to allow northbound Chapel St. motorists to turn left onto Temple St. On College St., from Elm St. to Crown St., will be the location of the planned community events mentioned above. Road closures for College St. are also necessary from 9:00 a.m. on Friday September 25, 2026, to 12:00 AM Saturday, September 26, 2026, to allow for set up and break down of the festival.

On behalf of the event organizers, I am requesting the Board of Alders to provide approval of the road closures of College St., Chapel St., High St., Temple St. and the partial closure of Elm St. in support of the New Haven Grand Prix to be held on Friday September 25, 2026.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bombero
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