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Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers
President - Board of Alders
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165 Church Street
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR RT 80 FOXON BLVD

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

The City of New Haven has been offered a grant for up to \$1,600,000 for the construction of traffic safety improvements on Rt 80 Foxon Blvd from Middletown Avenue to Quinnipiac Avenue by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. These improvements will consist of lit medians through this corridor and will provide benefits including better illumination, narrowing the roadway, pedestrian refuge, and traffic calming.

The City of New Haven will be responsible for the design and construction of the improvements by August of 2025, after which the CT DOT will then repave the roadway. The grant covers the actual cost of construction of the medians up to \$1.6M. In addition, the City will enter into an agreement with the CTDOT for the maintenance of the medians, except for snow/ice maintenance associated with the medians. This will include the cost of the energy for the lighting, repairing damage, and any landscaping of the medians. This is extremely typical for such improvements in state rights-of-way, and a necessary part of the project from the State's perspective.

The City is grateful to the State of Connecticut for their action in addressing the traffic safety needs of Foxon Blvd, and this is the product of close collaboration between the City and the State. In particular, the State Delegation from New Haven should be acknowledged for their efforts advocating for these improvements.

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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