

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the Mayor of the city of New Haven to accept funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for safety improvements on East St.

Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer

REPORT: 1675-16

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

This order will authorize the City to accept a \$786,500 grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to the City of New Haven for the East Street Cycletrack and Safety Improvements Project as part of the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program.

Specifically, the work funded by this grant will consist of installing a concrete barrier protected cycletrack on the west side of East St. and a short portion of State St providing an important connection between the Mill River Greenway Trail, the future Crosstown Greenway, and the Shoreline Greenway Trail. The project will also improve safety for all users by providing shorter crossing distances, bump outs near Jocelyn Square Park, and narrowing the apparent roadway for speed reduction.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

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

Move Together

Goal 1: Eliminate deaths and injuries caused by motor vehicles.

- Strategy 1.2: Continue implementation of Safe Routes for All and Safe Routes to School projects.
- Strategy 1.4: Continue to build dedicated bicycle facilities to reduce bicyclist exposure to traffic hazards.

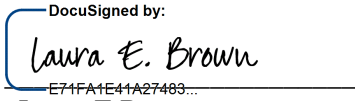
Goal 3: Make it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and use mobility devices and public transportation.

- 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 3.3: Improve and expand the City's sidewalk network and pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Strategy 3.7: Continue development of regional greenways and improve and expand the trails system in parks and open spaces.

ADVICE

The application is alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: December 17, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: 
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department