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My name is Owen Biesel, and I live at 102 Glen View Ter, New Haven, CT 06515.

The following is public comment for item 1, LM-2025-0324:

- I am a New Haven resident who lives across town from Tweed airport, and I am writing in support of the petition to create a residential parking zone on Girard Avenue. If Tweed wishes to continue expanding operations, it must make reasonable plans for how passengers can arrive and leave efficiently — adding shuttle capacity for connecting to local transit hubs, for instance — and not assume that nearby city streets will take up all the slack.

The following is public comment for item 3, LM-2025-0315:

- I live in the Amity neighborhood of New Haven, and frequently make trips downtown using a mixture of driving, busing, and cycling. I strongly support making the streets around the green more pedestrian friendly: raised intersections like the recent Valley Street additions work wonders for slowing cars and making it safer for pedestrians to cross. Please accept the state grant money to make these needed improvements.

The following is public comment for item 4, LM-2025-0306:

- I strongly support authorizing the mayor to enter agreements to install additional solar arrays throughout the city. Solar parking canopies are a winning proposition for so many community stakeholders: shade for drivers who park their cars underneath, shelter for pedestrians caught out in the rain or hot sun, reducing urban "heat island" effects by keeping the sunlight from being absorbed into black pavement and re-emitted as heat, generating revenue for the city, and increasing the share of renewable electricity generation which simultaneously lowers regional energy costs and mitigates climate change, which affects us all.

Sincerely,
Owen Biesel