

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the Mayor to sign a Maintenance Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Townsend Avenue raised crosswalk.

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

REPORT: 1664-09

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to install the state's first raised crosswalk on a state roadway in Connecticut on Townsend Avenue in front of Nathan Hale School. This installation has been successful in reducing speed impacts in front of the school and providing a safer crossing experience.

It is customary in Connecticut that municipalities are responsible for the maintenance of non-standard items in the State right-of-way. This raised crosswalk is no different, and the CT DOT would like to sign a maintenance agreement for the raised crosswalk. Initial drafts of the maintenance agreement required the City to remove snow and ice on the raised crosswalk, which was both impractical as State vehicles plow Townsend Avenue and also created an awkward precedent. CT DOT has agreed to remove that explicit requirement.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This grant proposal is in alignment with:

- The City's adopted comprehensive plan (Vision 2025) which seeks to "ensure pedestrian safety by implementing traffic calming solutions at poorly designed, high volume, and/or accident-prone locations of the city" (V-22)
- Vision 2025 also seeks to "Ensure adequate maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure within the city" (V-14)

Therefore, authorization of this maintenance agreement 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