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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President  
New Haven Board of Alders  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Project Authorization Letter (PAL) for Water Street Cycle Track Project which will utilize Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) funding

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The proposed action before you authorizes the Mayor to sign a Project Authorization Letter (PAL) for the Water Street Cycle Track Project for approximately \$373,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

The proposed Water Street Cycle Track project will provide a crucial link between two other multi-use paths currently in construction: Farmington Canal Phase IV and Downtown Crossing Phase 2. Connecting these two paths from Union Avenue / State Street to Olive Street will facilitate safe, off-road bicycle access between Union Station, Long Wharf, Orange Street, and all the towns that the Farmington Canal trail services in both Connecticut and Massachusetts. The proposed project will construct a separated, 12-foot wide, approximately 1000-foot long bi-directional cycle track between Union Avenue/State Street and Olive Street, matching the two multi-use paths currently in construction. Additional work included will address traffic signal upgrades and improved pedestrian lighting.

Under LOTICIP, the City is responsible for creating the design, while LOTICIP covers 100% of the construction costs. The City has engaged with stakeholders on the project, including the public and the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: BOA Submission Packet

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