

## Misty Maza

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**From:** Public Testimony  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:15 AM  
**To:** Misty Maza; Anna Festa  
**Subject:** Fwd: CSEP Hearing 9/1 No/low cost measures to deal with extreme heat/flooding

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1. Paint the roofs of municipal buildings white. In addition to reducing the heat island effect, it will reduce air conditioning costs and pay for itself in 2-6 years (the latter is the equivalent of a 12% rate of return).
2. Work with private/nonprofit property owners to reduce excessively large parking lots. This will reduce both the heat island effect and stormwater runoff. In some cases, the space where asphalt is removed could be used for housing or other forms of development and still reduce impermeable surfaces
3. Amend the zoning ordinance to encourage green roofs by counting them as permeable rather than impermeable space. This would reduce stormwater runoff and, on the margin, reduce development costs.
4. Amend the zoning ordinance to require large new developments to include bioswales.
5. Require development site plans to include a tree maintenance component (the city requires that trees be planted as part of new developments, but does not require that they be maintained).
6. Increase funding for URI's tree planting programs. Tax increment financing might be a possibility. (Trees increase property values. The city may be able to sell bonds backed by part of the resulting increased tax revenue to fund the tree-planting programs.)
7. Transportation, Traffic & Parking, Park New Haven, and City Plan should encourage shared use of existing parking facilities. (This is happening to a limited extent already.)
8. CT has a State Building Code and the city cannot adopt its own. But it can impose conditions to reduce the risks of flooding and excessive heat on (1) city property it sells under Land Disposition and Development Agreements, (2) planned development districts and planned unit developments, and (3) tax deferral/abatement agreements. For example, it could require such developments to reduce, rather than increase, the heat island effect.
9. Adjust street sweeping and sewer grate cleaning schedules to address flood risk. Every fall, leaves come down and clog sewer grates, exacerbating street flooding. Additional street sweeping then would reduce this risk. Some areas of the city are more prone to flooding than others. They should get priority in cleaning sewer grates.

In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act has several provisions that can help the city. It has \$1 billion for grants and loans to make affordable housing more climate resilient, as well as more energy and water efficient. Another provision has money to plant trees, develop community forests, and expand green spaces. <https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/climate-justice/what-could-the-climate-bill-do-for-environmental-justice-communities>

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To the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders,

I'm writing to express my support for the Safe Routes For All (SFRA) citywide active transportation plan.

I urge the committee and the full Board of Alders to approve the SFRA plan and to apply for \$5 million in federal funding for street safety upgrades. We desperately need to improve New Haven's transportation infrastructure to make it safer and easier for people to walk, roll, ride public transit, and frankly even to drive, as studies and experience show time and again that our current infrastructure is unconscionably dangerous and deadly even for drivers.

This plan is far from audacious enough to fully solve our many worsening crises — including climate and traffic violence — but it is also drastically better than what we have now, and will be an important step toward reducing car dependency and improving equity and sustainability.

Please do the right thing and move this plan forward.

Sincerely,  
Adam Callaghan  
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Adam H. Callaghan, he/him  
[AdamHCallaghan.com](https://adamhcallaghan.com)

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**From:** Public Testimony  
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Hello, Alders & Mayor Elicker -

Thanks for all you're doing to represent and lift up our city. And thanks for coming together to discuss the city's Safe Routes for All proposal this evening.

I hope to make it to this hearing, and wanted to submit testimony in writing too. I am so glad to see the city moving toward an even stronger commitment to walking, biking, public transit, and safe streets in our city. And I was so glad to see West Rock named as a priority neighborhood at the start of the plan. As a New Haven resident, and as part of the community at Common Ground in West Rock, I hope that you'll vote for and support this plan, and seek federal funds to put it into action. We really need this.

I know this plan feels ambitious. And, as someone who cares about residents in West Rock, and students and families coming to Common Ground's campus in the West Rock neighborhood, I'm so aware of what's not yet in these plans. When I looked at this draft, I don't see plans to close the sidewalk gap between Wilmont Crossing, Brookside, SCSU, and Common Ground. I don't see new crosswalks, traffic controls, speed tables or other traffic calming at the intersections of Wintergreen, Springside, and Wilmot, even though this is named as a priority intersection in the plan. I don't see plans for improvements to city bus stops where our Common Ground students face off with traffic each morning and afternoon.

Our community has been trying to get these issues addressed for more than 5 years -- writing complete streets proposals, showing up at meetings, organizing neighbors and neighborhood stakeholders, talking with city officials, participating in lots of the community outreach steps named in this plan. In the midst of this work, we've seen one of our students and one of our staff hit by cars while riding their bicycles right in front of our campus. We've made some progress: getting city buses re-routed to better meet community needs, getting some new paint on the street. But we still don't have a slow school zone, much less speed tables and crosswalks, much less safe pedestrian/bike access for neighborhood residents, or the 30+ Common Ground students who take classes at SCSU each year, or the 20+ students who we help to connect with free bikes and helmets each year. This Spring, with input from our Alder Honda

Smith (thank you for your advocacy!!!), Jeff at Public Works, Common Ground staff, and neighbors in West Rock, our students came up with clear, actionable plans for addressing these issues. [Here's a link to a web site](#) two of our seniors, Chris and Georgii, created this Spring.

Again, I support this big city-wide plan. I hope that CSEP will support it as well. And I hope we can turn the expressed commitment to West Rock as a priority neighborhood into some real action. I'd love your support and advice in figuring out how to make this happen.

Thanks for your service and leadership,  
Joel Tolman  
Common Ground  
New Haven resident - 35 Clark St

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**Joel Tolman** (he/him/his)

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Hello,

As a New Haven resident who also works downtown, I am writing to urge the committee and the Board of Alders to **approve the Safe Routes for All plan** and to encourage the city to apply for federal funding for street safety upgrades.

I used to bike to work regularly, but after being run off the road a few times and threatened by drivers, I no longer feel comfortable doing so. The proposed upgrades outlines in the safe routes for all will make our city a safer and more appealing city.

My husband was recently "doored" by a vehicle on Chapel Street while riding home from work. He suffered a fractured pelvis. This never should have happened. We must keep our residents safe, especially as they chose to make environmentally sound and physically healthy decisions for their commutes.

I hope you will take this seriously and make New Haven a model for safe, next-generation, travel.

Thank you,  
Kate Cebik  
New Haven resident

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I support efforts to make streets safer for pedestrian traffic in general. Unfortunately, some of the egregious dangers come from unsafe driving. Many times I have felt threatened by irresponsible drivers that speed, go through red lights and pass on the right shoulder on the Q Bridge.

I sincerely wish that you could address these issues. I feel that an accident is just waiting to happen to me in New Haven.

Sincerely,

Lynne Bonnett  
675 Townsend Ave  
New Haven CT

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*Lynne Bonnett*

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From: Matt Higbee <higbee.matt@gmail.com>  
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To the Board of Alders City Services and Environmental Policy committee:

I am in favor of you moving forward on applying for the \$5 million in federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2022 in a manner consistent with the Safe Routes for All plan.

As both a daily driver and biker on our city streets, I can testify to the fact that we have plenty of room on our roads to accommodate all modes of transportation, not just cars. We need to make it safer for biking, rollerblading, electric wheelchair riding etc. This plan will take our city to the next level! Protected lanes are well used in every place I've ever seen them installed. Everyone enjoys biking and other non-car transportation! By providing more safe routes for all, you will increase happiness levels in New Haven!

Matt Higbee  
257 West Rock Ave.

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Please approve the funding request.

Patricia Kane  
731 Quinnipiac Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06513  
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To the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders,

I'm writing in support of the Safe Routes For All (SFRA) citywide active transportation plan.

I urge the committee and the full Board of Alders to approve the SFRA plan and to apply for \$5 million in federal funding for street safety upgrades. We are in dire need of improved New Haven transportation infrastructure that centers the most vulnerable road users, making our community safer and more accessible for all. Our car-dependant status quo is proven to be dangerous, deadly, and expensive for community members both in and outside of cars.

The reality is, SFRA is far from enough. SFRA barely scratches the surface of combating worsening crises including but not limited to climate and traffic violence. But this bare minimum will still be drastically better than what we have now, and it is an important step toward reducing car dependency and improving equity and sustainability.

Please do the right thing and move this plan forward.

Sincerely,  
Stasia Brewczynski  
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Hello,

My name is Zoe Jensen, and I live at 757 Orange St, Apt 3, New Haven, CT 06511.

I would like to advocate for two measures:

1. There are too many people running red lights and speeding in New Haven. More than once I've had a walk signal and someone has sped right past a red light into the intersection, almost missing children in strollers. I would advocate for red light camera tickets, or providing walk signs for people crossing the opposite way of traffic to give pedestrians the right of way.
2. New Haven needs better, reliable public transportation. I would extend a train stop into East Rock and Fair Haven, as there is one currently on State Street. Too many people have to drive to the train station, which eliminates the benefits of public transportation.
3. Better, on-time bus systems in order to allow people to get to work by using the bus. This could be achieved with a bus-only lane.

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**From:** Public Testimony  
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Hello!

I'm sending this message to show my support for the New Haven Safe Routes for All plan. I work in new haven and I drive there and back from middletown 5 days a week. This puts a lot of stress and miles on my car, not to mention paying for gas for these trips. If i could instead drive to the meriden train station, take a train to new haven, and then take a bike for the last couple miles of my commute to work it would be life changing for me. I could save money on car expenses, get some exercise every day, and reduce my carbon footprint.

In addition, I would like to suggest bike parking garages be constructed in the city, or bike rental services being available. These services would be hugely important for solving the "last mile issue." Which highlights the difficulty of taking public transit to a city center, but your actual destination being a bit further away from that. The last mile issue is key in helping individuals decide whether to take transit, or not bother and just take their car instead. Which causes more traffic and makes the streets unsafe for existing cyclists and pedestrians.

As I described above, I could take the train from meriden to new haven, but I would still struggle to transport my bike on the train. If I could safely park my bike in the city for whenever I need it, or rent a bike to use when Im there, I would be able to safely and realistically not take my car into the city.

Before I learned about potential ways a bike and public transit could replace my car, I didnt even know how to ride a bike. Finding out more about what the state and its cities are doing to improve cycling infrastructure has motivated me to learn. And I've never felt more free and proud of myself. The New Haven Safe Routes for All plan could really change my daily life for the better. You have my unconditional support for this project and I really hope it can be seen through! Attached is a picture of me on my first ride :)

Thanks so much for your time,  
Katie Gallagher

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Hello:

My name is Ryan Licwinko and I live at 55 Clark Street in New Haven. I apologize for not being able to testify in person last night.

I am writing in support of the application for funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022 and use of such funding in a manner consistent with the Safe Routes for All transportation plan. I am quite impressed with the technologies and improvements I have seen around town - the street modifications to accommodate cyclists and cars, the brightly colored crosswalks, etc. In addition to these improvements I appreciate the efforts to educate folks through bike tours, walks, and information booths at public events.

I have a few thoughts on additional areas of focus for the funds. Firstly, I'd like to see even more attempts to educate drivers and cyclists about the right to use the city streets. In my experience many drivers in New Haven do not understand that bicycles have all the same rights to the streets as cars do. As a cyclist I often feel safer taking actions that distance myself from cars, like say, going through a Walk signal, despite it being against the rules. If, however, more cars respected my right to be on the street I may be more inclined to wait to proceed with the proper flow of traffic. To accomplish this I suggest more street signs and perhaps even hauling out the programmable road signs sometimes.

I would also like to express my support for more closed off streets or dedicated pedestrian walkways, such as the block of Orange Street in Ninth Square that is often closed to traffic. It adds such a nice atmosphere and from what I've observed it doesn't seem to upset car traffic very much. I have a similar appreciation for the lane closure on part of College Street.

Lastly, I would like to encourage more benches and shelters at bus stops. Earlier this week, I was returning from Ikea and on Brewery Street approaching the intersection with Sargent Drive and I noticed a woman waiting for a bus. It was a pretty hot day and there was no bench for her to sit on and nothing to provide her any shade. I know there must be lots of bus stops without seating or shade

structures but perhaps we can prioritize ones without any nearby trees or other relief, especially one so close to the Post Office.

Thank you for your time and for all the work the Board of Alders does.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Licwinko