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

Re: Order Modifying the Public Right of Way at the Intersection of Grand Avenue and Front Street

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The Engineering Department has been coordinating the design for the Grand Ave Bridge Rehabilitation project. The project limits extend from Front Street to Quinnipiac Avenue and will consist of replacement of both approach spans, rehabilitation of the center truss, and full replacement of the mechanical and electrical equipment on the bridge.

One of the planned improvements is to provide a minimum sidewalk width of 10' on the south side of the bridge to accommodate a shared use path. The increased sidewalk width will require a permanent adjustment of the right-of-way adjacent to Quinnipiac River Park of a maximum of slightly over 3 feet.

In addition, the construction activities will require a zone of 15' beyond the permanent right-of-way adjustment to provide access to build the new bridge abutment and sidewalk. While often this is accommodated through a construction easement, in this case a temporary adjustment of the right-of-way is more compatible with the requirements of the project. The City therefore proposes that the right-of-way be adjusted a further 15' south as per the attached map until July 1, 2022. On that date, the right-of-way as defined by the Board of Alders would automatically revert to the permanent right-of-way expansion of 3' as also included in the attached map.

The right of way taking is part of the Quinnipiac River Park parcel. The Parks Commission is in favor of the permanent right-of-way expansion of slightly over 3 feet and approved such action at their November 21, 2018 meeting. The Parks Commission will hear the temporary 15' right-of-way expansion on January 16, 2019.

Sincerely,

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enclosures: (1) BOA Submission, (2) Right of Way map, (3) Parks Commission Minutes

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