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The Honorable Justin Elicker Mayor City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear Mayor Elicker:

Subject: Project Authorization Letter

Reconstruction of I-95 over West River State Project No. 92-522 Federal Project No. 0951(189) Master Agreement No. 12.12-02(12) CORE ID No. 14DOT0121AA

On November 1, 2013, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) and the City of New Haven (Municipality) entered into the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects (Master Agreement) noted above. This Project Authorization Letter (PAL) is issued pursuant to the Master Agreement. Except for the term "Construction Project," the capitalized terms used in this PAL are the same as those used in the Master Agreement. The DOT and the Municipality agree that "Construction Project," as referred to in this PAL, specifically means activities undertaken by the DOT to construct the above-captioned project, which consists primarily of State-owned and/or State-maintained facilities, but which also includes incidental construction on facilities owned and/or maintained by the Municipality.

The DOT is responsible for the Administration of the Construction Project. Given the nature of the Construction Project, this PAL does not include any costs, Demand Deposit or Project Amount information, as the Municipality is not responsible for any costs pertaining to the Construction Project, nor any costs pertaining to any design or right-of-way phases associated therewith.

The Construction Project is to replace a structurally deficient bridge, I-95 over the West River, while providing safety and operational improvements with the consolidation of Interchange Nos. 44 (Kimberly Avenue) and 45 (Route 10, which is locally known as Ella Grasso Boulevard). The project includes replacement of Bridge Nos. 00163 (I-95 over West River) and 00164 (I-95 over Ella Grasso Boulevard). The project also eliminates the previous I-95 Interchange 44 and 45 loop ramps in favor of a new diamond interchange. A four-lane section of roadway to connect Ella Grasso Boulevard with Kimberly Avenue south of I-95 is being added to provide access to West Haven from the new interchange.

As part of this Construction Project, Sea Street is being extended from Greenwich Avenue to the intersection of Ella Grasso Boulevard and the I-95 northbound Exit 44 off-ramp. Sea Street will be constructed utilizing City standards, including granite curbing and decorative light fixtures. In keeping with the principles of context sensitive design, a roundabout and speed tables will be constructed on Sea Street and bump-outs installed on Greenwich Avenue to provide for traffic calming because of the unrestricted access from the off-ramp and Ella Grasso Boulevard. These items have been incorporated into this project at the City's request, as a result of coordination with the community. In addition, at the City's request, the Department will construct a portion of the City's Harborside Trail which will connect Kimberly Avenue to the public trail located at the property now or formerly known as the Harbor Landing Condominiums.

The sole purpose of this PAL is to memorialize the Municipality's maintenance responsibilities with regard to the Construction Project. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Municipality is not responsible for, and has no obligations with respect to, the Construction Projects costs, utilities, design phase, right-of-way phase, or construction phase.

Upon completion of the Construction Project, the Municipality agrees to assume full ownership of Sea Street from Ella Grasso Boulevard to Greenwich Avenue including; liability, maintenance, snow and ice removal, repairs of Sea Street, light standards and associated equipment, sidewalks and ADA accommodations, pavement markings, granite curbing, roundabout including all associated physical features and landscaping including, but not limited to, pruning, trimming, and replacement of landscaping installed as part of this Construction Project.

The Municipality agrees to assume full ownership and maintenance of all drainage facilities for the reconstructed Sea Street, as shown on the attached plan sheet including, but not limited to; the drainage system beginning at the catch basin at Station 100+118, 8.4 meters left to the manhole at Station 100+076.40, 8.29 meters right; the catch basin at Station 100+254.4, 18.03 meters left to the discharge and end-wall outlet at Station 100+217.5, 26.53 meters right; and the drainage system starting at the catch basin at Station 100+287, 9.39 meters left to its outlet. All liability and maintenance responsibilities of Sea Street east of Greenwich Avenue will remain unchanged.

The Municipality also agrees to assume full responsibility for all liability, maintenance, snow and ice removal of sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps installed along Ella Grasso Boulevard and Kimberly Avenue and full responsibility for all liability, maintenance, snow and ice removal (if desired) of the Harborside trail from Kimberly Avenue along the south side of Ella Grasso Boulevard and Sea Street to the property now or formerly known as the Harbor Landing Condominiums.

Funding for the Construction Project is provided under the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) with a funding ratio of ninety percent (90%) Federal and ten percent (10%) State funds.

Please indicate your concurrence with the PAL by signing below on or before August 26, 2020 and returning a copy to the Project Manager listed below at the letterhead address. By signing below, the Municipality agrees to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the sidewalks, curbing, drainage and illumination on Sea Street, trail, roundabout and landscaping, as described above. Submission of the Written Acknowledgement of the PAL by email, facsimile or electronic transmission is acceptable. The Master Agreement and the PAL will be incorporated into one another in their entirety and contain the legal and binding obligations of the Municipality with respect to the Construction Project. Please retain a copy of the signed PAL for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Mr. Brian J. Natwick at (860) 594-3203.

Very truly yours,

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Scott A. Hill, P.E. Assistant Chief Engineer Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Concurred By:		Date	
	The Honorable Justin Elicker		
	Mayor		

Enclosure

