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The Honorable Alder Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
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**RE: ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING: (1) A THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEAR PARTNERSHIP LEASE OPERATING AND FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE NEW HAVEN UNION STATION AND STATE STREET STATION CAMPUS; (2) THE INITIAL CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OF THE CAMPUS; AND (3) APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAVEN PARKING AUTHORITY TO MANAGE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE NEW HAVEN UNION STATION AND STATE STREET STATION CAMPUS**

Suspension Agenda Requested

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

I am respectfully submitting for the Board's consideration the above-referenced order concerning a new 35-year agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and, by extension, a new partnership to deliver best-in-class development along the Northeast Corridor.

By way of background, the City and CTDOT have been working to expand economic opportunities and customer amenities within Union Station; develop additional appropriately sized parking facilities for the Campus; and to more fully develop transit-oriented development around Union Station all in a manner consistent with the Hill to Downtown Community Plan and various state level transportation plans.

In September, 2020, a letter of intent set forth this vision with specific goals to develop a 600-space parking facility, an intermodal center for local and regional bus users and renovations to Union Station. Together with goals connecting Union Station and State Street Station to the overall development of the surrounding area, city and state planning teams have been collaborating on a regular basis, not only on the lease

document but also on implementation steps. The recent reopening of Columbus Avenue from Church Street to South Orange Street as well as a plan to extend a separated cycle track over the Amtrak bridge at Water Street are attributed to these meaningful collaborations.

Moving forward, the City, NHPA and CTDOT will work closely with the community on plans for surface lots and the renovations to Union Station as well as with the Board of Alders on future grant applications and potential development partnerships in a manner consistent with submitted documents.

Thank you for your time and attention to Union Station over the years. This communication is a direct result of the Board's focus on inclusive growth, creating and retaining jobs for New Haven residents as well as the Board's policies advancing environmental justice and health equity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me direct at (203) 946-2867.

Very truly yours,



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