

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Modifying the public right-of-way at the intersection of Crescent Street and Munson Street. (City Engineer)

ADVICE: **Approval**

BACKGROUND

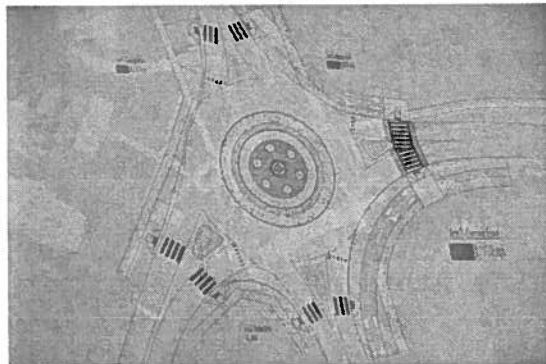
Per Section 27 of the Code of Ordinances, the Board of Alders accepts any modifications to the public right-of-way. The Engineering Department is designing a roundabout at the intersection of Crescent Street and Munson Street in an effort to calm traffic and provide better pedestrian and bicycle amenities. This effort is in response to requests from the local alders and the WEB Community Management Team, who has reviewed the design. As part of the design process, it was learned that modifications to the public right-of-way at the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection would be required. The northeast parcel (Bowen Field) is owned by the City of New Haven Parks Department. The southeast parcel also is owned by the City of New Haven (Hillhouse High School). The right-of-way would be expanded to “clip” the corners of the two parcels, approximately a maximum of 30’. This is due to the inherent shape and size of a roundabout for this location (see attached map). No modifications of the public right-of-way are anticipated on the west side of the intersection.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The modifying of the public right-of-way at the intersection of Crescent Street and Munson Street is a key step for the wellbeing of the residents of the area and the public safety of New Haven as a whole. The project is a substantial benefit for the neighborhood as this is an area conducive to excessive speeds and challenging turning movements. In six weeks of observations, NHPD officers issued 73 speeding tickets on Crescent Street. This plan can help ensure that traffic is able to flow through the area relatively freely, but also maintaining speed and making sure that Crescent is not a highway. In addition, being next to a school and a park, the area has significant pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The City used simulation software to simulate turning movements for school buses and fire apparatus. As roundabouts become more common in Connecticut, this plan will help New Haven remain a leader in this type of infrastructure.



Current Intersection



Proposed intersection change

ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval of the right-of-way modifications in support of this important complete streets investment.

ADOPTED: June 20, 2018
 Edward Mattison
 Chair

ATTEST: MPL
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