

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement and any subsequent amendments between the City of New Haven and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the water facility replacement in conjunction with the construction of the rehabilitation of the Wilmot Road Bridge (City Engineer)

REPORT: 1520-07

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

As part of the reconstruction of the Wilmot Road bridge over Wintergreen Brook, a water main (owned by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority) that currently passes through the bridge will be attached alongside the bridge. In order to rehabilitate the Wilmot Road Avenue Bridge a temporary water facility must be installed. After the completion of the Rehabilitation of the Wilmot Road Bridge a new 110' water main line will be installed on a portion of the rehabilitated bridge.

The funding for this project is from the Federal Highway Bridge Program at an eighty percent (80%) reimbursement. The remaining twenty percent (20%) will be paid by the City New Haven. The Grant was previously approved by the Board of Alders on September 15, 2014 (LM-2014-0487). Construction is slated to begin in summer of 2016.

This agreement allows for the initial cost of installing temporary water facilities during construction of the replacement bridge, the installation of a 110' water main line on the new bridge and all associated inspection and construction fees for said water lines.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The reconstruction of the Wilmot Road Bridge was approved by the City Plan Commission on March 18, 2015. The Engineering Department received the construction cost agreement on or about June 27, 2016. The contract requires BoA approval since it is over \$100,000 and cannot be bid (there is only one Regional Water Authority, and they are self-performing the work on their pipe). Wilmot Road Bridge is ready for construction this season, and approval is required to ensure that the project can move forward in a timely manner. By state statute, the City is responsible to reimburse the RWA for their costs.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: August 24, 2016
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director