

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** In support of the advancement of design of the Grand Avenue Bridge over the Quinnipiac River, bridge no. 03810 utilizing funding from the federal surface transportation urban program (STP-U). (City Engineer)

**REPORT:** 1524-11

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

The Grand Avenue Bridge over Quinnipiac River was reported in fair condition based upon an in depth inspection by the Connecticut State Department of Transportation report dated October 2009. The City applied for a grant for the rehabilitation of the Grand Avenue Bridge over Quinnipiac River through the Federal Surface Transportation Urban (STP-U) Program, which was approved by CTDOT. The funds for the design phase of this bridge are being provided by the CTDOT Surface Transportation Urban Program at ninety percent (90%) through the agreement and the remaining ten percent (10%) being provided by the City. A public information meeting was held on September 20, 2016 to receive public comments from area residents and business owners on the semifinal design of the Grand Avenue Bridge. A public information meeting was held on September 20, 2016 to receive public comments from area residents and business owners on the semifinal design of the Grand Avenue Bridge. Meeting minutes are attached to this report.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Grand Avenue Bridge is a critical regional arterial to and from the City and remains as a historic movable swing bridge serving the area for over 100 years. Components of the bridge rate from fair (6 out of 10) to critical (2 out of 10). The City's goal is to get ahead of the bridge condition and address the deterioration proactively. The anticipated repairs are expected to begin in spring 2018, with closure to traffic lasting for one to two years during construction. There will also be neighborhood improvements such as re-timing of signals, possible streetscape improvements on Quinnipiac and Grand Avenues, and creation of temporary neighborhood space during the bridge outages.

### ADVICE

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

**ADOPTED:** November 16, 2016  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director