

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the mayor to sign a Project Authorization Letter (PAL) and any subsequent PAL amendments for Whalley Avenue traffic calming measures. (Harrison Street to West Park Avenue) (City Engineer)

REPORT: 1507-02

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

In 2010 the Southern Connecticut Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) issued the Whalley Avenue Corridor Study, which detailed existing conditions as well as recommendations for improving the corridor with respect to both transportation functions and the contextual relationship with adjoining neighborhoods. The high volume of traffic along with the functionality of the currently designed road permits speeding through the village, which has a detrimental effect upon pedestrian safety in an area with heavy pedestrian traffic.


PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In order to allow for safe pedestrian movement as well as to alleviate speeding in the area the Engineering Department, along with the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation, have developed plans to enhance the area that include pedestrian lighting, crosswalk installations, thermoplastic pavement markings, and new traffic control signal patterns. The development of these plans has involved various community groups and representatives of that area.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: July 15, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director