

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 the Grand Avenue railroad crossing safety improvements project. (City Engineer)

REPORT: 1507-03

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

In 1995 the City and the Connecticut Department of Transportation began a project to improve the safety of the railroad crossing on Grand Avenue east of East Street. After an unusually long gestational period, the project is finally ready for construction. The construction is fully federally funded, and the City will undertake the portion of the construction that is on the roadway. The balance of the construction will be completed by the railroad. The City's portion of the construction is estimated at under \$500,000.

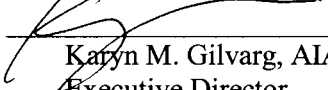
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The improvements include new gates, new signals, and improvements to the tracks to facilitate safe passage of bicycles across the train tracks. The end result will be a safer at-grade railroad crossing that provides for the safe passage of all users of the roadway, while supporting the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: July 15, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Katryn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director