

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** WALL STREET AND HIGH STREET (Portions), Discontinuance and Abandonment of Portions of City Rights-of-Way (Office of Management and Budget).

**REPORT:** 1479-03

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Before the Board is an Order concerning the abandonment and discontinuance of portions of Wall Street between College and York Streets, and abandonment and discontinuance of High Street between Elm and Grove Streets. These portions of City streets were closed to general vehicular traffic in accord with the terms of the 1990 Agreement between the City and Yale University. The Agreement provided that the closure would be reviewed in the year following the twentieth anniversary of the Agreement. This review in 2010, by the Department of Transportation Traffic and Parking, concluded that there was no reason to re-open the closed streets, as traffic circulation was not impeded. The University has now requested that the City abandon and discontinue the street portions permanently.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The new Agreement deems the original 1990 Order for street closure no longer in effect and terminated, but states the balance of Agreement itself shall remain in effect; except provided that Section 3 regarding public walkways will be deleted in its entirety and that a written memorandum reflecting such modification will be executed. The City proposes to discontinue and abandon these portions of Wall Street and High Street and quit claim whatever other interest it may have with respect to the underlying land on which the street portions are located, upon receipt of compensation from the University of an amount to be determined by an independent certified appraiser mutually acceptable to both parties. The compensation amount is predicated upon the fair market value of the fee simple title ownership.

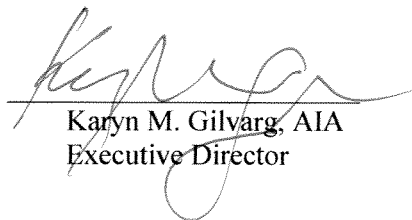
The principal issue for the Commission is whether the permanent abandonment and discontinuance of these two street segments is in the long term interest of the City. The City and the University have collaborated on numerous changes to the urban street network over the last 300 years that make the campus continue to be an appealing and globally competitive place of learning in an urban environment. The University clearly would like to continue to keep vehicular traffic from this densely developed and extensively pedestrianized portion of the campus. The experience of the last twenty years has shown no significant impairment to vehicular circulation; and the 2010 report from the Transportation Department makes clear that the transportation system has fully adapted to the closure and that the surrounding streets operate in an acceptable manner.

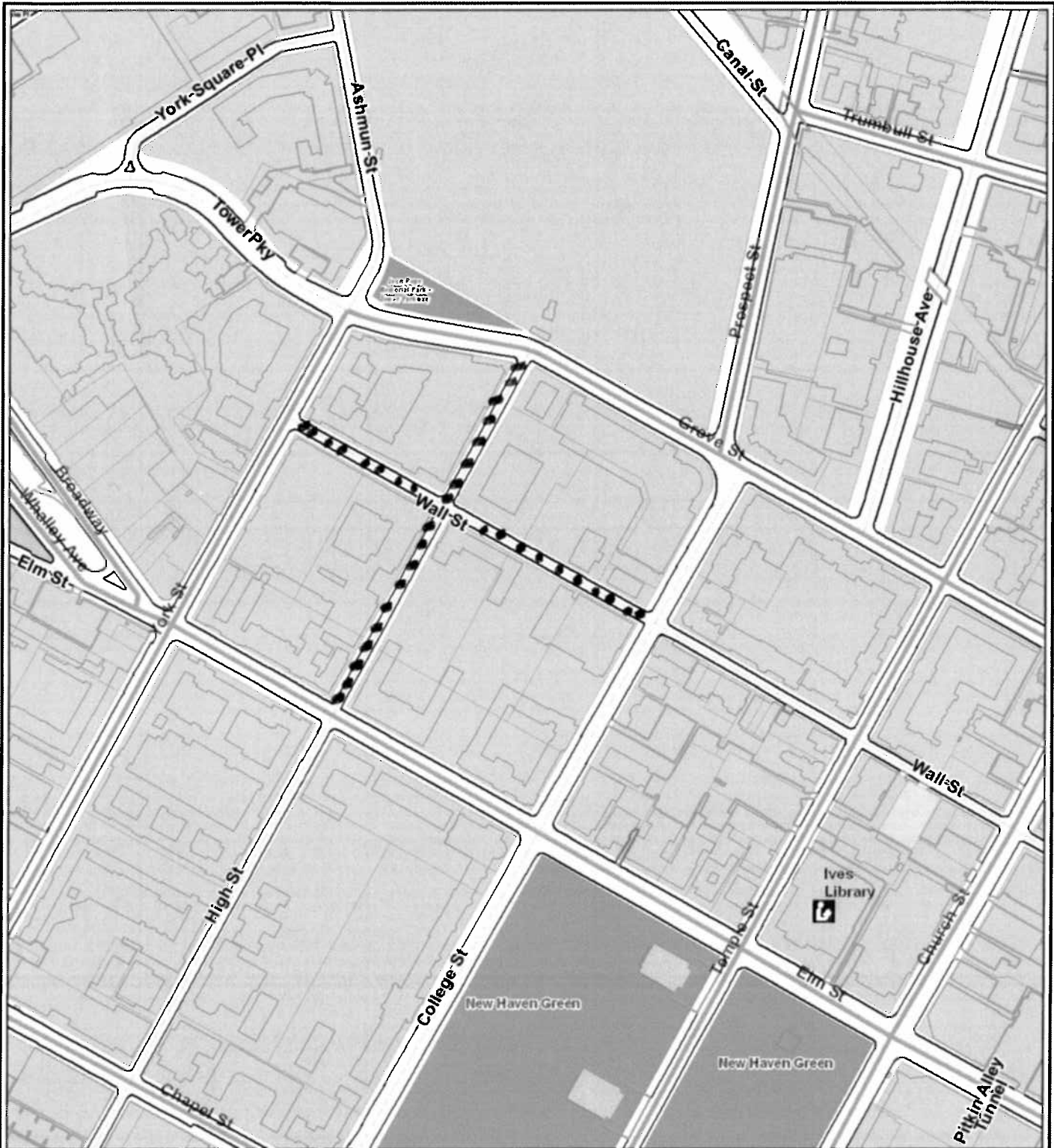
### FINDING AND ADVICE:

The Commission finds the proposed abandonment and discontinuance in accord with the Comprehensive Plan and with the public convenience and welfare and therefore recommends Approval.

**ADOPTED:** May 28, 2013  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director



City of New Haven, Connecticut  
John DeStefano Jr., Mayor



## Wall and High Streets

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| <p><b>Waterway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Lake - Pond</li> <li>— River</li> <li>— Shoreline</li> <li>— Stream</li> <li>— Wetland</li> <li>■ Parcel</li> <li>— City Boundary Line</li> </ul> <p><b>Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓜ Administration</li> <li>Ⓜ Food Service</li> <li>Ⓜ Private School</li> <li>Ⓜ Public School</li> <li>▲ Fire Station</li> </ul> <p><b>Police Station</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ PD Headquarters</li> <li>— Substation</li> <li>Ⓜ Health Centers</li> <li>Ⓜ Hospital</li> <li>Ⓜ Library</li> </ul> | <p><b>Railroad</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Railroad Track</li> <li>— Abandoned Railroad Track</li> <li>— Airport Runway</li> <li>— Parcel Line_2005</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Park</li> <li>▲ Triangle</li> <li>Ⓜ Golf Course</li> <li>Ⓜ Land Trust Preserves</li> <li>Ⓜ Airport boundary</li> <li>Ⓜ Shoreline</li> </ul> |
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