

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: WILMOT ROAD at Wintergreen Brook, Authorization for Mayor to sign agreements and any subsequent amendments with the Connecticut Department of Transportation utilizing federal funds from the Highway Bridge Program for the Design and Construction Phases of the Wilmot Road Bridge over Wintergreen Brook (City Engineer).

REPORT:1469-15

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board is a request from the City Engineer to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements and any amendments with the State Department of Transportation to rehabilitate the Wilmot Road Bridge over Wintergreen Brook (Bridge #04892). Funding is available through the Federal Highway Bridge Program-Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for the design, inspection and construction of a new bridge. The Wilmot Road Bridge has recently been determined to be in poor condition warranting the rehabilitation. ConnDOT manages the Federal bridge Program within the State and has approved the City's grant application for the Federal funds where the State pays 80% share and the City pays 20% of the cost. The overall cost is anticipated to be approximately \$1 million.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Wilmot Road is a primary access route to the northeastern portion of the City used by vehicular traffic including CT Transit (Z line). As part of the West Rock development Wilmot will provide a connection into Hamden if permitted by the town of Hamden. A rehabilitated bridge is therefore in the City's best interest, provided its construction is accomplished while maintaining through traffic during the project. The City's share of the project cost will be 20% or \$207,400.00, available in Capital funds.


The City is hiring a consultant for the design phase which is scheduled to be completed by spring 2013 through an RFQ process. Construction is expected to start in fall 2013 to be completed by summer 2014.

ADVICE

Approval.

ADOPTED: September 18, 2012
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


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Executive Director