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RE: **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, vicinity of Grand Avenue, Exchange Street, Ferry Street, and East Pearl Street, Coastal Site Plan Review for Improvements (Owner/Applicant: City Engineer).**

REPORT: 1443-03

ACTION: Approval with Conditions

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Comments under **Site Plan Review** on page 2 shall be reviewed with the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking and resolution reflected on final plans, prior to their circulation for signoff.
2. Signoff on final plans by the City Engineer, Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking and City Plan Department in that order shall be obtained prior to initiation of site work.
3. Construction Operations Plan/Site Logistics Plan, including any traffic lane/sidewalk closures or detours shall be submitted to the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking for review and approval, prior to its signoff on the final plans.
4. Any proposed work within City right-of-way will require separate permits.
5. Final determination of traffic markings, V-loc locations, signs and traffic controls on site and on the perimeter of the site will be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking.
6. As-built site plan in accord with City requirements shall be filed with City Plan Department, upon completion of the project. Site Plan shall be submitted in both mylar and digital format [TIFF file based on the State Plane Coordinates (NAD1983)]. Provide version of AutoCAD with submission.

Submission: Plans @ 40'=1" by City Engineering Dept (undated): Safe School Route Traffic Calming Plan: Estimate sheets; milling paving & drainage plans; pavement marking & signing plans; Grand Av. intersection plans; details inc. State DOT details.

BACKGROUND

The City has applied for infrastructure grant funding from the State of Connecticut Safe Routes to School program (CPC 1432-09). This program is part of an international movement promoting walking and bicycling to school by supporting efforts to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to do so. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical exercise that children need for a healthy lifestyle. Safe Routes to School initiatives also help to ease traffic congestion and air pollution, improve community spirit and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

Proposed Activity: These particular infrastructure improvements are in the vicinity of Fair Haven Middle School at 164 Grand Avenue, to facilitate safer routes for students to walk to school from the surrounding neighborhood. (75% of students at the Fair Haven School live less than one mile from the school).

The proposed infrastructure improvements include two protected pedestrian landscaped islands with improved crosswalks on Grand Avenue at two closest intersections: Atwater Street and Bright Street; installation of two speed humps/speed tables on Exchange Street with bump outs and sharrows to indicate shared travel lanes; sidewalk widening and/or sidewalk gap closures along East Pearl Street, Exchange Street, and Grand Avenue to better connect the neighborhood to the school; and intersection improvements at Grand/Ferry and Grand/Front Streets.

COASTAL SITE PLAN REVIEW

The Commission's Coastal Site Plan Review, in accordance with Section 55.C of the New Haven Zoning Ordinance shall consider the characteristics of the site, including location and condition of any coastal resources; shall consider the potential effects, both beneficial and adverse, of the proposed activity on coastal resources and future water-dependent development opportunities; follow the goals and policies of the Connecticut Coastal

Management Act, as amended, and identify conflicts between the proposed use and any goal or policy of the Act.

Characteristics and Condition of Coastal Resources at or Adjacent to the site: While a portion of the street locations are within the Coastal zone as they are within 1000 feet of the Quinnipiac River, no coastal resources exist at or adjacent to the site. Storm drainage will be improved as part of the project in an area where the sewers are combined.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Plans have been reviewed by the Site Plan Review team with representatives from the Departments of City Plan, City Engineer, Building, Disabilities Services, and Transportation, Traffic and Parking and have been found to meet the requirements of City ordinances, Regulations and standard details with the following comments:

Transportation:

- *Bus stop at Grand and Atwater:* Accessible bus landing pads must be maintained on both sides of the street (plan does not adequately address this issue). Stops to be 120' (not 80').
- *Raised islands at intersections:* Raised islands must accommodate school bus turning movements.
- *Bike lanes/sharrows:* Bike accommodation shall be sharrows, if used.

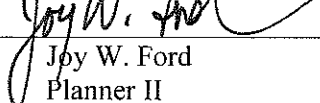
COASTAL FINDING:

Taking into consideration all of the above information, the City Plan Commission finds the proposed activity consistent with all applicable goals and policies in Section 22a-92 of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act and incorporates as conditions or modifications all reasonable measures which would mitigate the adverse effects on coastal resources. The Commission therefore makes a finding of no impact on coastal resources and approval for a coastal permit to be issued.

ACTION

The City Plan Commission approves the submitted Site Plans subject to the standard conditions on Page 1.

ADOPTED: August 18, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Joy W. Ford
Planner II

Coastal Site Plan Review, based upon the application and materials submitted by the applicant, was conducted administratively without hearing by the City Plan Commission of the City of New Haven in accordance with the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CGS, Sections 22a-90 to 22a-112). The Building Official hereby receives the above written findings and any conditions thereof are made conditions of the Building Permit.

DATE ADOPTED: 8/23/10

ATTEST: 
Andrew J. Rizzo, Jr.
Building Official