

February 22, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and Members of the Court of Common Council City of Hartford 550 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

RE: City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution regarding the adoption of the City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan.

As you know, the City of Hartford has strengthend its commitment to Complete Streets over the last four years. We have adopted a citywide Complete Streets Policy, adopted an award-winning zoning code that prioritizes biking and walking, won a designation as a Bike Friendly Community (Bronze) from the League of American Bicyclists, were recognized as a Walk Friendly Community (Silver) by America Walks, and adopted a citywide Bicycle Plan.

There is much more work to do to address the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other road users. The attached plan is a companion to the Bicycle Plan, and together these documents provide a guide for transforming our City streets. It reflects approximately a year of effort by members of the Complete Streets Task Force, led by City Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator Sandy Fry. This group meets monthly and involves City officials and interested residents, as well as representatives of nonprofit organizations, the business community, and regional and State governments.

The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously endorsed the City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan after a thorough review and a public hearing at its regular meeting on November 10, 2020. To ensure it is afforded all of the weight of a formal City plan, the Complete Streets Plan must be approved by the Court of Common Council. The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL** City of Hartford, February 22, 2021

WHEREAS, The Planning & Zoning Commission (the "Commission") is charged with developing and making recommendations on City plans; and

WHEREAS, The Commission met on November 10, 2020 and after a thorough review and a public hearing unanimously endorsed recommended that the Court of Common Council adopt as a formal City plan the City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan reflects significant effort by many stakeholders to develop a common vision for streets that serve all users across all of Hartford neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council hereby adopts as a formal City plan the City of Hartford Complete Streets Plan.