

REPLACEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM #15

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford serves as the Capital City for Connecticut and a hub to the region for employment, education, and social services; and

WHEREAS, The population of Hartford is approximately 125,000, but as the capital city we effectively serve Hartford County which has a population of over 1 million; and

WHEREAS, According to Data Haven, over forty percent of Hartford residents do not have access to reliable personal transportation and thus rely on public transportation and/or walking and biking to navigate the city; and

WHEREAS, Over the last several years there has been a noticeable increase in the use of ATVs, red light running, vehicle accidents, speeding, and more throughout the city, all of which puts at serious risk the lives of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA), within the Connecticut Department of Transportation, is charged with the promulgation of regulations establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs, and markings for public highways/roadways; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council calls upon the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly to sponsor a bill requiring that OSTA conduct a public safety study to ensure that Hartford is taking advantage of every opportunity to protect our streets from reckless drivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in conducting its study, OSTA shall work with local traffic authorities in developing its findings and in making recommendations, and that such study with recommendations shall be completed and submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly on or before June 1, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town and City Clerk shall provide certified copies of this Resolution to the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly forthwith.