

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship
Summer 2021

Proposal for Fellow working remotely for organization

- Organization: City of New Haven, Department of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking
- Full street address of organization: 200 Orange Street, G3, New Haven, CT 06510
- Website: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/traffic/default.htm>
- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor: Karla Lindquist, Deputy Director
- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:

203.946.8077, klindquist@newhavenct.gov

- Placement dates:

Tuesday, June 1st – Tuesday, August 10th

- Are placement dates flexible? Are you able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone? Yes and yes.
- Proposed 37.5 hour per week work schedule:

11 AM – 7 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 AM – 5 PM on Tuesday and Friday, with 30 minutes for lunch

- Organization description:

The City of New Haven's Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department combines elements of traffic safety / engineering, parking management, community and economic development and urban planning. Our goal is to deliver a safe and efficient traffic control system and to continuously integrate sustainable transportation supports and improves the quality of life throughout the City of New Haven and which contributes to the economic growth of the City.

Access to adequate transportation options can increase physical activity, reduce stress and help increase family economic security. The department is committed to an equitable transportation system that takes into account our history of transportation planning into a context sensitive, bottom-up approach to deliver a high quality of life for our residents and neighborhoods.

- **Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:**

As part of the multi-year Safe Routes for All active transportation project, a guiding taskforce will be enacted to finalize passage of a citywide plan and to guide strategic implementation steps. The Fellow will be tasked with organizing the taskforce, working with community stakeholders and the Board of Alders, and drafting the taskforce's guidelines and implementation steps.

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

Starting in the summer of 2019, the City of New Haven and the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement (CARE) from Southern Connecticut State University/Yale launched "Safe Routes for All," a citywide active transportation planning process. This multi-year initiative is supported both by City funds and a CDC Reach grant through CARE. The internationally renowned active transportation planning firm, Street Plans Collaborative, is a consultant partner on the project. The first phase of the project included two community visioning/selection sessions, community polling, and 6 tactical urbanist pilot installations in different under-resourced neighborhoods in New Haven. Phase two of the project is currently underway with a second, broader community work component and comprehensive planning process. The goal of this work is to have a citywide plan for permanently improving active transportation infrastructure through New Haven.

One component of the comprehensive citywide planning process is a taskforce that will both see the passage of the plan through the municipal legislative process and through the first parts of plan implementation. The impetus for the taskforce is to ensure accountability and implementation through oversight by a diverse group of stakeholders.

The role of the Yale PPSF Fellow will be to facilitate the creation of this taskforce, convene and staff meetings of this taskforce and draft guidelines and implementation steps for the taskforce. As part of the citywide active transportation plan, expected to be finalized in spring 2021, a taskforce will be created to ensure that the plan is operationalized. This taskforce, starting in summer 2021, will work with City and CARE staff, the Board of Alders, and members of the public to transition the plan to implementation. The Yale PPSF Fellow will be responsible for drafting guidelines for this taskforce, convening and staffing meetings, and working with taskforce members on implementation strategies. The Fellow will may also assist with the citywide plan process through community engagement and policy research.

This project will provide ample opportunity for the Fellow to contribute in meaningful ways to active transportation in New Haven. The Fellow will gain valuable experience in municipal legislative and administrative processes, transportation policy, and in working with a diverse group of institutional and individual stakeholders.

- List specific skills/experience required for this work:

- Familiarity with municipal processes

- Highly organized with an attention to detail

- Ability to move a project from planning to operations

- Comfort organizing and running meetings with important stakeholders and/or elected officials

-Spanish fluency is preferred

- Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work:
 - Business Email
 - Phone Number
 - Microsoft Teams
- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.

Previous Yale PPSF Fellows have been tasked with analyzing specific data sets and creating tools beneficial to residents and guests of New Haven, as well as spearheading advocacy efforts to assist the department in working with focused sectors of the community.
