

**To:** Cost Review Subcommittee  
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**Date:** November 6, 2020  
**c:** Transportation Committee  
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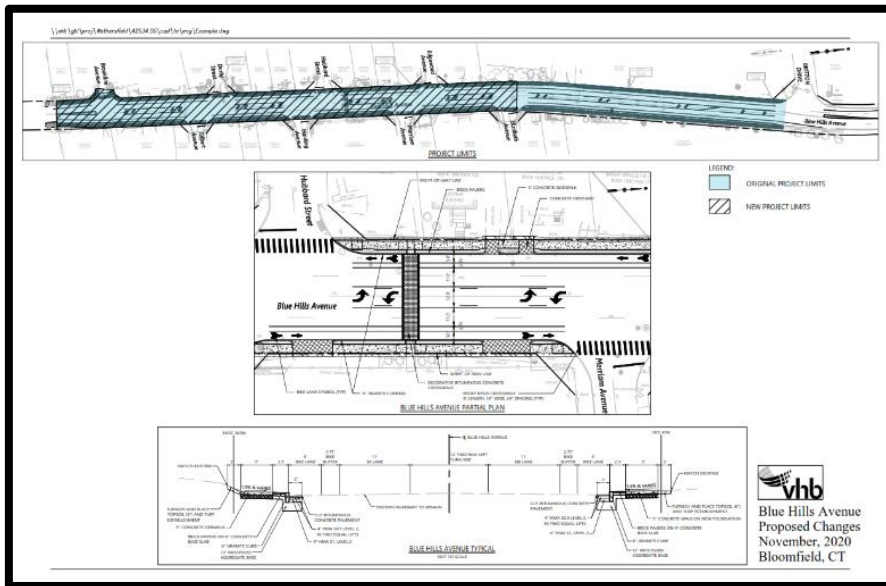
**Subject:** LOTCIP Scope Change Request: Bloomfield Blue Hills Ave Complete Streets Project - Phase 1

A Transportation Subcommittee meeting will take place at 11AM on Monday, November 16, 2020. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following:

**Bloomfield Blue Hills Avenue Complete Streets Phase 1 Project Scope Change (L011-0002)**

The town is requesting the approval of a scope change without revisions to the awarded LOTCIP project funding amount. The project was approved under the 2018 LOTCIP Solicitation by the Transportation Committee as a stand-alone sidewalk project for \$939,600 and is advancing through preliminary design.

Based on comments resulting from a public information meeting in August 2020, the Town of Bloomfield would like to modify the project scope to incorporate additional elements to create a more robust complete streets project. In order to do so within the existing funding allocation, they are also requesting a scope modification that reduces the project limits from 1,700 to 1,100 linear feet.



These additional elements are proposed to improve safety and offer a more welcoming environment for pedestrian, transit, and bicycle users. Items that will be added to improve the project include granite curbing, decorative lighting, a brick snow shelf, and buffered bike lanes, centered in the area of the project where it is more densely populated. Granite curbing is included in the Town of Bloomfield's Complete Streets Master Plan and Design Guidelines. Also, granite curbing better accommodates the brick snow shelf, both at installation and from a maintenance standpoint.

The newly proposed project limits will be from the City of Hartford line to Elizabeth Avenue (see inset). Originally, the project limits were from the City of Hartford line to Britton Drive. The area of reduced scope between Britton Drive and Elizabeth Avenue includes a large cemetery and a single industrial site with minimal direct transportation usage from Blue Hills Avenue on the west. Originally, the pavement width was to be narrowed from 50 feet to 46 feet, but in the new proposal the pavement width will remain the same.

**Staff recommends committee approval of a LOTCIP Bloomfield (L011-0002) Blue Hills Complete Streets Phase 1 project scope modification involving provide additional complete streets elements and reducing the project limits from 1,700 to 1,100 linear feet.**