

Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee

December 12, 2023



AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Public Forum
- 3. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2023***
- 4. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule***
5. CRCOG Updates and News
 - a. Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study
 - b. Walk Audit Program – Overview and Discussion
 - c. Statewide Bike and Walkability Survey
6. Discussion – Bike Ped Priority Network Study
7. What's New in My Town
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

Roll Call

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes September 12, 2023

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

TIME: 12:00pm

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

PLACE: Zoom Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Amy Watkins	Watch for Me CT
Bob Dickinson	Resident of Bloomfield
CJ Gandza	City of New Britain
Dave Palmberg	Town of Rocky Hill
Eric Anderson	Town of Andover
Hiram Peck	Town of Avon
Jay Stange	Transport Hartford
John DiBiasi	Town of Manchester
Kevin Sullivan	Town of Wethersfield
Mark Moriarty	City of New Britain
Martha Conneely	Riverfront Recapture
Michele Lipe	Town of South Windsor
Norm B	Member of the Public
Owen Deutsch	City of Hartford
Patrice Carson	Town of Bolton
Todd Rolland	Bike Walk New Britain / ECG
Mary Cockram	Bike Walk Connecticut

Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule

Bike/Pedestrian Committee Meeting 2024

Regular meetings of the Bike/Ped Committee are typically held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesdays. Meetings are scheduled for 12 Noon. It is anticipated that meetings will continue to be held remotely via Zoom. If in-person meetings resume, meetings will be held at the CRCOG's office located in Hartford unless notice is sent to the contrary.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Tuesday, March 11, 2024

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Location may change to showcase and learn from projects around the Capitol Region. Location will be confirmed prior to each meeting

NOTE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

We do not discriminate on the basis of disability. Individuals who need auxiliary aids are invited to make their needs known by contacting us by mail, phone, fax or email as soon as possible.

Un traductor estará disponible para esta reunión si usted lo solicita al 860-724-4293, lo más pronto posible.

Jeśli chcesz poprosić o tłumacza na spotkanie, zadzwoń 860-724-4293 jak najszybciej.

Updates and News



Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study

- Preferred alignment identified in East Hartford
- Preferred alignment formally endorsed by Simsbury Board of Selectmen in September
- Simsbury Study currently open for Public Comment
- Progressing Bloomfield and Hartford shortlist options
- Focus on feasibility study along the Griffin Line rail corridor for rail-WITH-trail
- Griffin task expected to wrap early 2024



Updates and News

Walk Audit Program – Overview and Discussion

Updates and News

Statewide Bike/Ped Resident Survey

- Bike Walk Connecticut (BWCT) and the Capital Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) partnered to complete a survey of Connecticut residents to understand their experience and priorities as pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The survey was promoted online and through social media and was open from June through September 2023.
- In parallel, a municipal survey explored the status of bicycle and pedestrian planning and policies.
- The work was part of our CDC funded “Active CT” project

Updates and News

Statewide Bike/Ped Resident Survey – The Pedestrian Experience

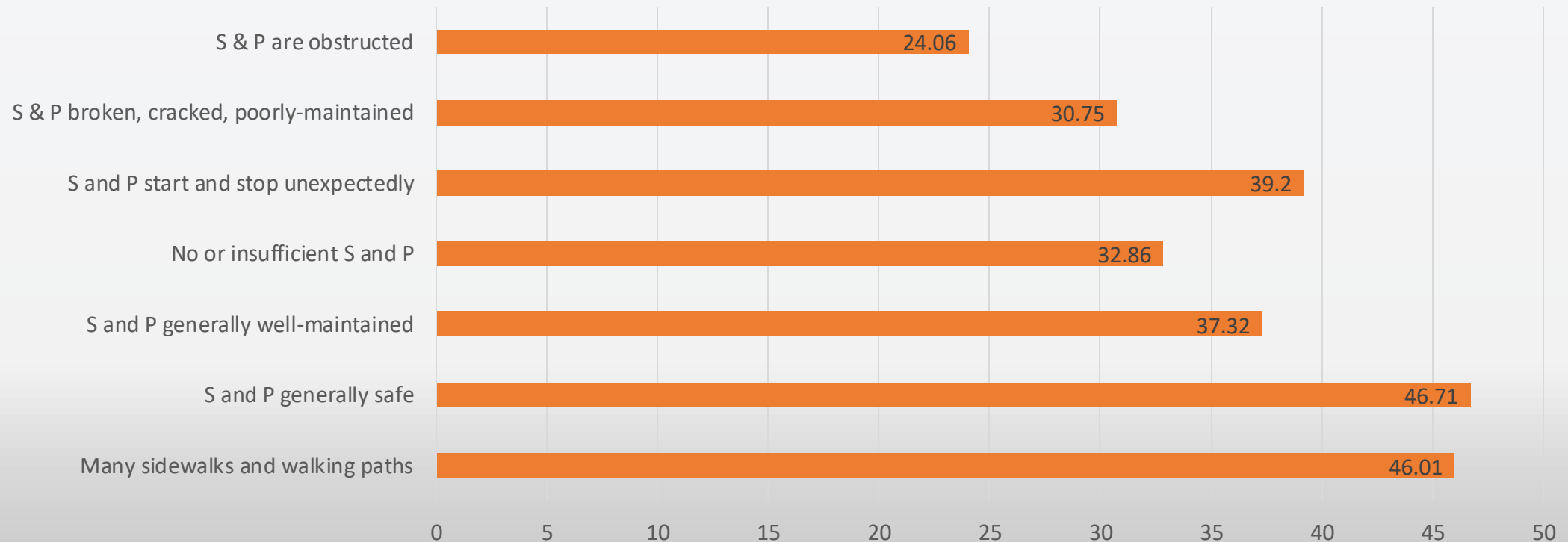
Slightly more than **50%** are “somewhat uncomfortable” or “uncomfortable” as a pedestrian, with **18%** in the uncomfortable category.

More than 55% of respondents responded that getting places by foot was not generally possible. 495 respondents provided commentary on this question, with many references to sidewalk needs, among other concerns.

Updates and News

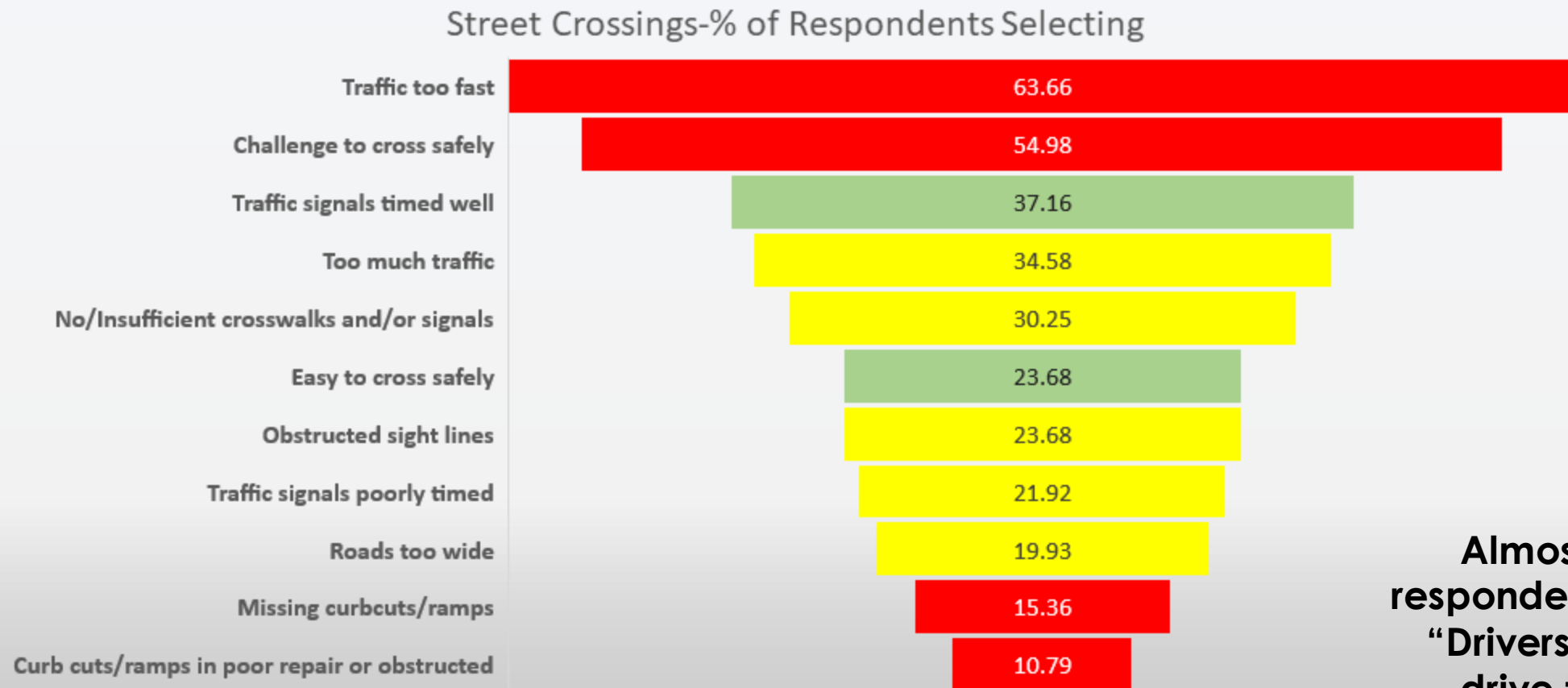
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Sidewalks and Walking Paths-% of respondents selecting



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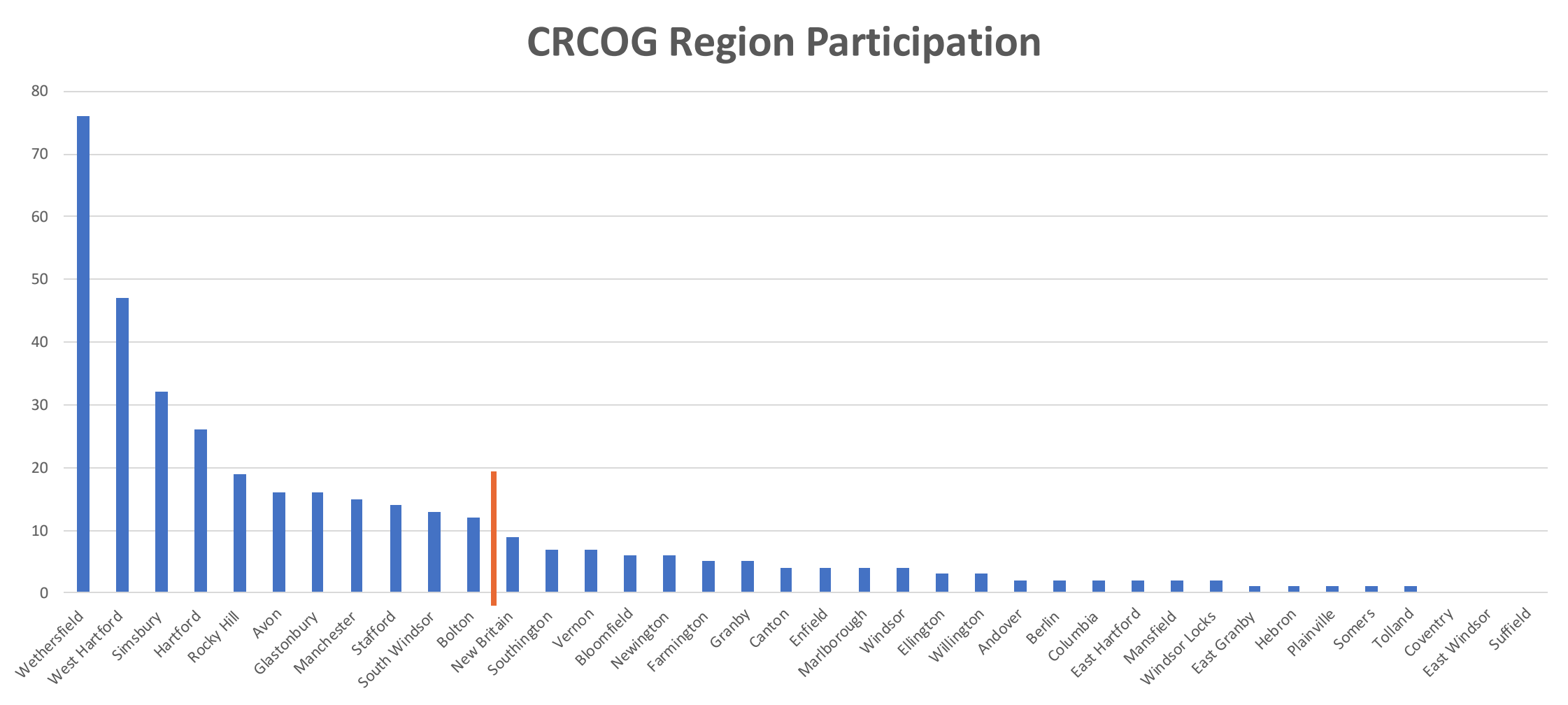


Almost **78%** of respondents selected “Drivers generally drive too fast”

Updates and News

- Survey respondents were very generous with commentary on most questions, including significant detail that could be useful to planners and town officials.
- 585 respondents offered additional comments about the survey topic, some of which was reinforcing of earlier comments and concerns.
- 663 respondents offered comments regarding good streets or intersections for pedestrians
- 727 respondents offered commentary on bad streets or intersections for pedestrians

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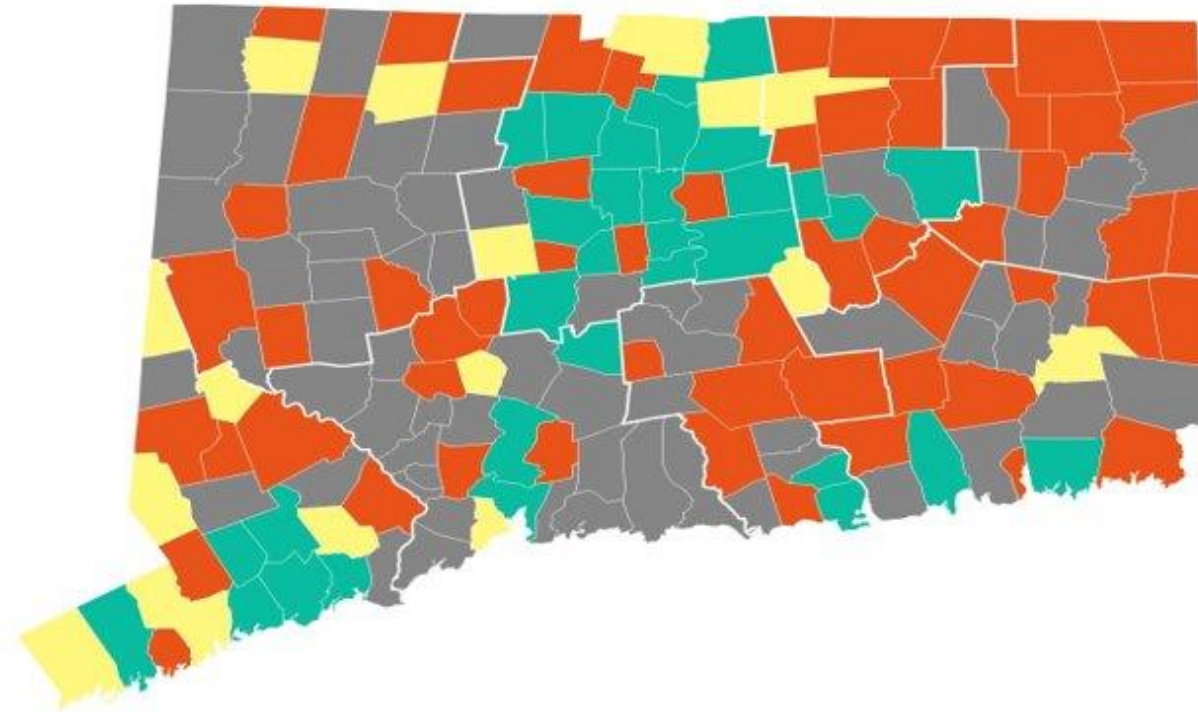
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<https://www.bikewalkct.org/plans.html>

Town	Plan or policy link
Andover	2016 Complete Streets master plan
Avon	Expects to have a plan late 2023, contact Town Manager's office
Bloomfield	2021 Complete Streets master plan
Bridgeport	Complete & Safe Streets Policy, design manual, and action plan being developed fall 2023
Brookfield	Part of 2016 POCD
	See also Zoning Commission's "sidewalk and amenity" specifications
Canton	The transportation section of the current POCD (updated 2020) has planned out areas targeted to address safety and infrastructure improvements for people who bike and walk.
	Complete Streets policy
East Granby	East Granby Village Center master plan includes some bike-ped planning

Bike/Ped Planning Status

YES SOME ACTIVITY NO NO Response



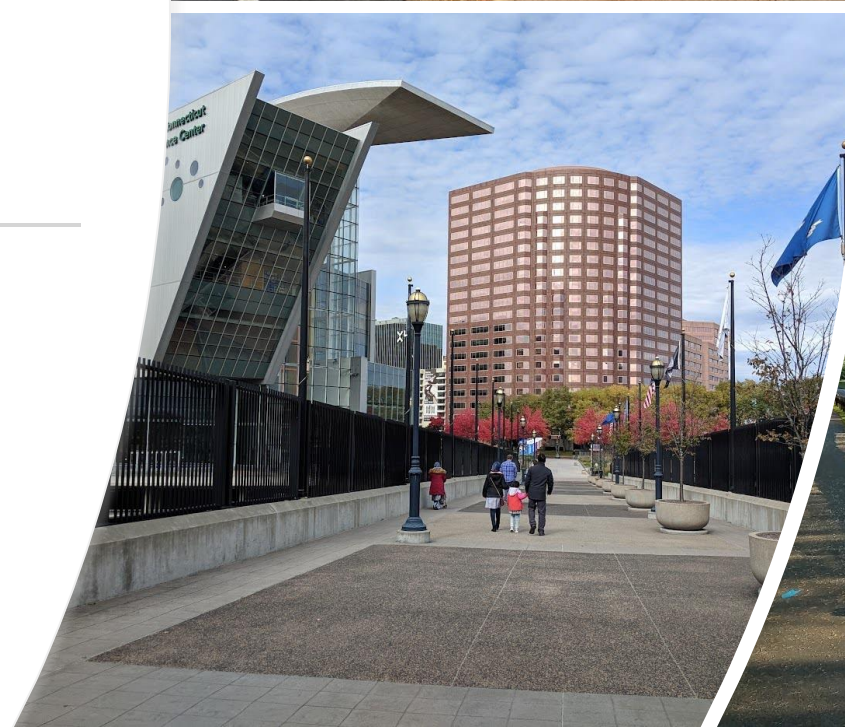
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Updates and News

PA 23-207 | CRCOG developing a guide and model ordinance

ADA Transition Plans | Potential for state funding in the future

Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Network

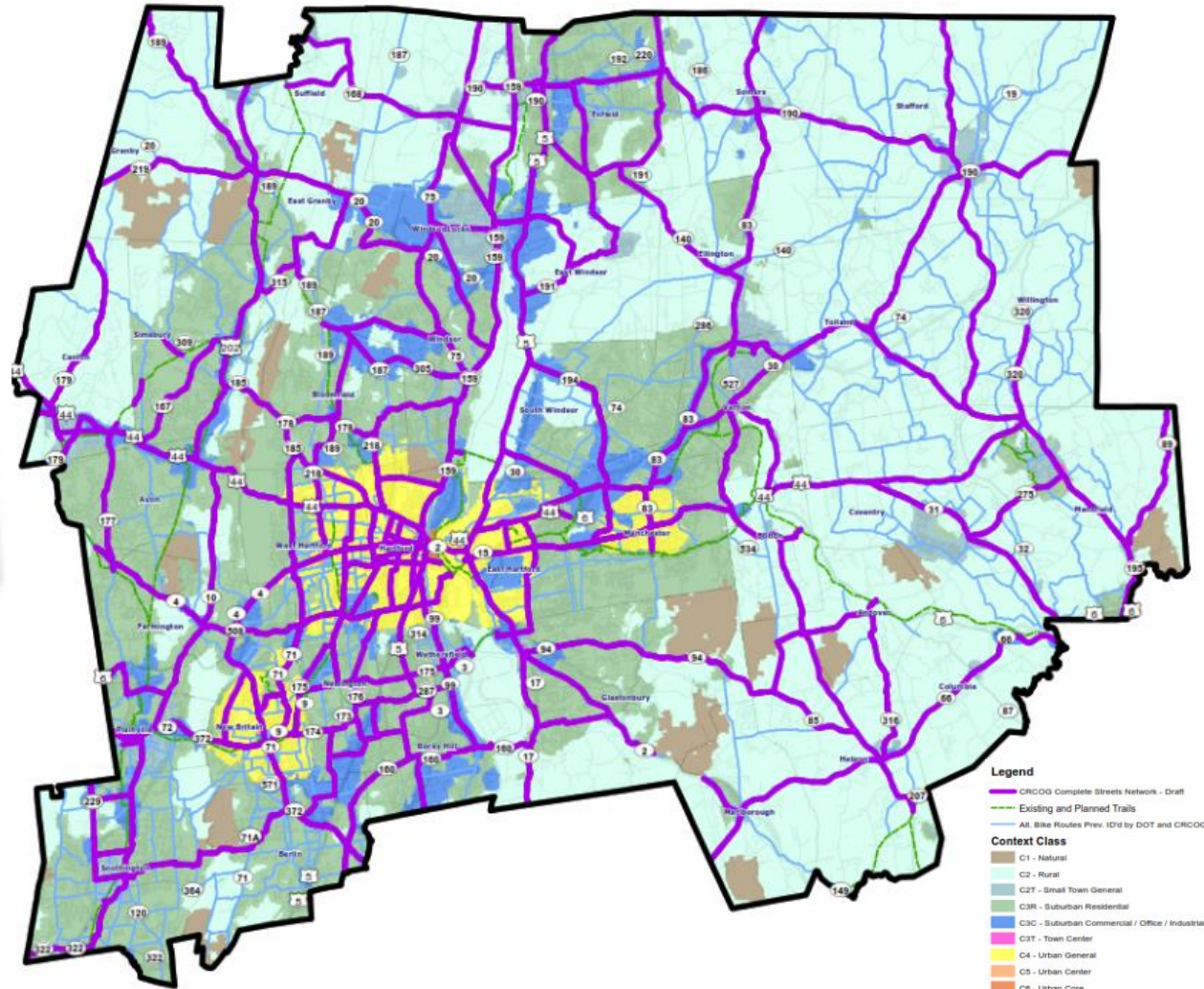


Objectives

- Build off Existing Work (e.g., ECG, Complete Streets)
- Focus on Off-Road and Separated Trails
- Existing Conditions Review
- Perform a Screening Analysis
 - close significant gaps
 - create new corridors
- Identify Potential Benefits to the Community
- Actionable Plan to Identify Priorities and Funding Options



Bike Ped Network



Project Timeframe



General Scope Tasks

Existing Conditions Review

- *Existing plans and studies*
- *Local and regional destinations*
- *Existing Data (infrastructure, ADT, ROW, etc.)*

Network Identification

- *Identify potential benefits to each community*
- *Identify preliminary regional network*
- *Concept screening*
- *Shortlist alternatives*

Priority Network Design

- *Preferred network typologies*
- *Probable costs*
- *Estimation of benefits*

Implementation Strategy

- *Identify additional bike/ped gaps*
- *Potential funding sources*
- *Prioritization criteria and ranking*
- *Implementation plan and schedule*
- *Short / mid / long-term interim recommendations*

Outreach

Website, Social Media, Newsletters

- *Throughout project.*

Direct Municipal Coordination

- *Meet with staff/officials from all 38 cities/towns in groups at start of project.*

Public Workshop

- *Toward beginning of project, in-person, hands-on to identify destinations, opportunities, gaps.*

Public Meeting

- *Toward end of project to present final proposed network plan, can be virtual.*

Public Survey & Interactive Web Mapping Tool

- *To identify barriers and opportunities.*

Public Pop-Ups

- *Up to 8 pop-ups (attending community events that are organized / held by others such as festivals and farmers markets).*

Stakeholder & Community Ambassador Meetings / Walk Audits

- *Targeted outreach to special interest groups; might be in-the-field.*

CRCOG Meetings

- *2 milestone presentations to CRCOG Transportation Committee.*
- *2 milestone presentations to Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee.*

Feedback

Advisory Committee

Members made of up municipalities, state agencies and other organizations

Public Input Opportunities

Focus on meeting the community where they're at (pop up events and workshops)

Existing Conditions

Identify information useful for inventory, assessment, or analysis

Environmental Justice

Include equity and justice in every step of the process from engagement to prioritizing projects

What's New in My Town?

Other Business

Topics You're Interested In



Adjournment

