# Traffic and Flood Control Improvements in the Transit Oriented Development District

**Project Updates** 

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#### **Presentation Format**

- Project Goals and Overview
- Sidewalk Rehabilitation / Bumpout Removals
- Two-Way Traffic Conversion
  - Perkins Square
  - Downtown Signals
- Harbor Brook Flood Control
- Pratt Street Gateway
  - Semi-Final Design Information Session

#### **Project Overview - Goals**

- Encourage a vibrant downtown for residents and businesses
- Enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety
- Mitigate traffic impacts associated with increase rail crossing closures
- Leverage other projects in Downtown

### **Project Overview - Objectives**

- Coordinate roadway improvements with other major projects
  - Transit Oriented Development District Zoning
  - Train Station and Hartford rail service
  - Flood Control
  - Brownfield redevelopment
  - Housing (24 Colony St, 177 State St, 11 Crown St)

### **Project Overview - Strategies**

- Implement two-way traffic on West Main Street / East Main Street, Cook Ave, Hanover Street and Perkins Square
  - Benefit downtown businesses
  - Improve traffic circulation
  - Pedestrian and bicycle networks
- Create Boulevard on Pratt Street as a gateway
- Enhance existing streetscape
  - Color banding, decorative features
  - Street trees and landscaping
  - Improved pavement surface

### West Main St and Colony St Sidewalk Improvements

- New sidewalks on West Main St and Colony St
- Removal of Barrister's Court signal
- On-Street Loading and Parking Enhancements
- New trees / tree pits / color banding
- Spring 2017
- DECD grant \$300k
- City Bond funds

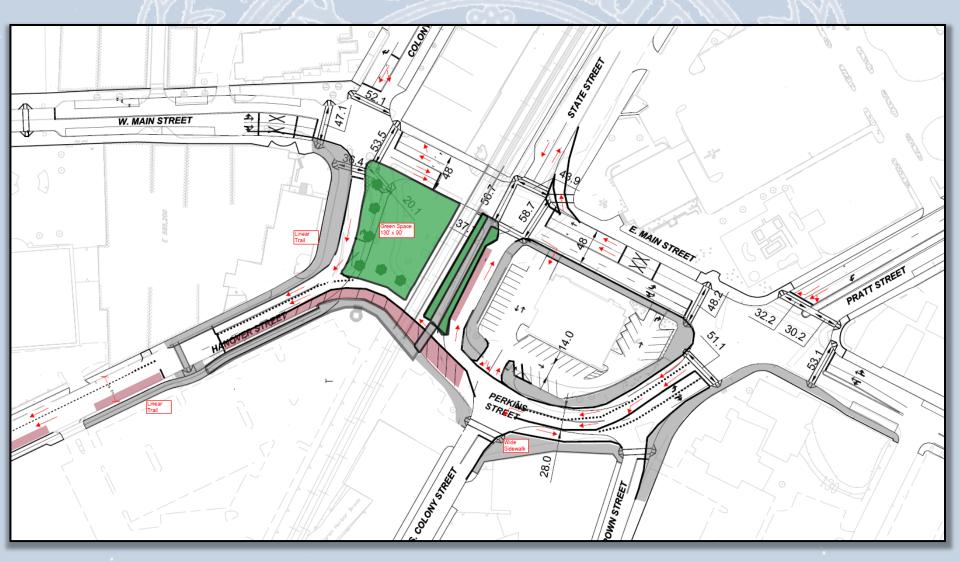
## Sidewalk Improvements – Colony St and Meriden Green

- State St, Mill St, Pratt St, Colony St
- Sidewalk and curb replacements (as needed)
- Spring 2017
- State of CT OPM Grant \$869,000
- One of 15 communities selected

## Two-Way Traffic Conversion / Perkins Square

- Improve circulation through downtown
- Improve access to businesses and services
- Preliminary plans
  - Challenges due to rail crossing
- Modified two way concept approved by DOT
- East Main St / West Main St Two Way
   Currently in preliminary design

## Two-Way Traffic Conversion / Perkins Square



## Two-Way Traffic Conversion Concept Review

- East Main St / Pratt St
  - Reduces future delay
  - Allows full movement
- Removes two signals
- Improves East West coordination
- Increase # of approaches at rail crossing from 4 to 5
- Westbound access via Hanover St and East Main St
- Requires funding for widening East Main Street and realigning Perkins Square

## Two-Way Traffic Conversion Concept Review

- Perkins Square
  - Maintain existing curblines
  - Minimize impacts to Wells Fargo
  - Enhance corner radii
  - Wider sidewalks
  - Safe and efficient access for development
  - Provide two way and one way traffic
  - Enhanced outbound access connection to South Meriden

#### **Downtown Signals**

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
   Grant
  - One of thirteen communities
  - 13 Signals
  - \$2.9 million
  - Design 35% complete
  - Anticipated Construction 2018

#### **Downtown Signals**

- Signals nearing end of useful life
- Prepare for increased Hartford Line rail use
- Two way conversion
- Replace 4 signals
- Modify 7 signals
- Remove 2 signals

#### **Downtown Signals**

- Cook Ave
  - Two-way from Hanover St to Cook Ave
- Hanover St Corridor
  - Two-way from Cook Ave to South Grove Street
- East Main Street / West Main St Corridor
  - Two-way from Pratt Street to Cook Ave
- Church St
  - Two-way from Colony Street to Barristers Ct
- Perkins Square
  - Two-way from East Main Street to South Colony St

#### What has been done so far

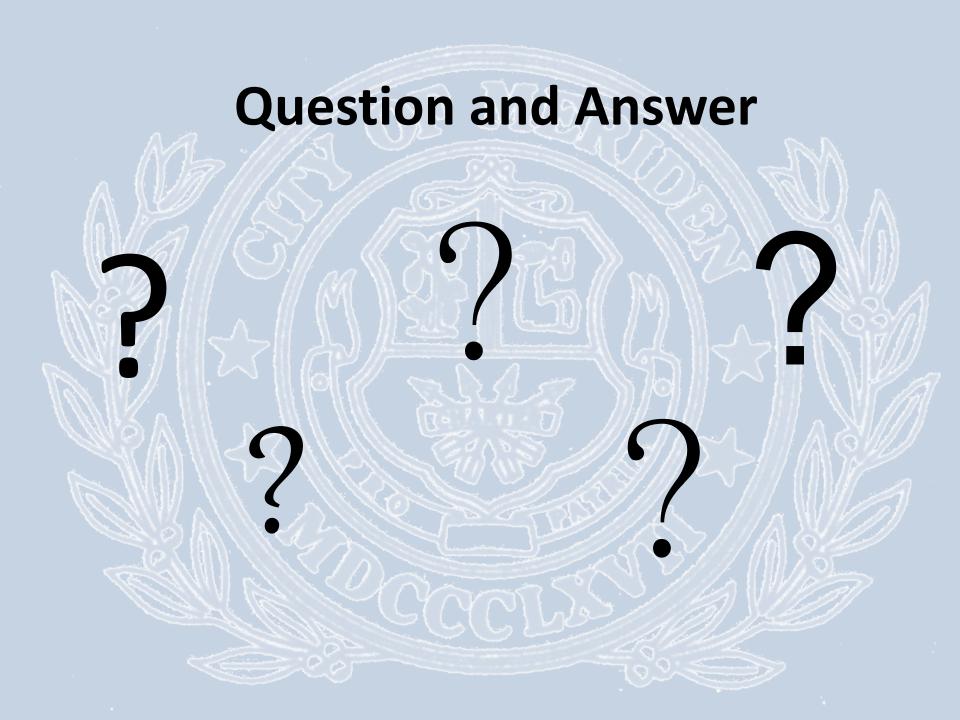
- First Mile / Last Mile Transit study
- Eversource Gas upgrades
- Mills redevelopment and pending demo
- 24 Colony St and parking garage
- Meriden Green
- Train Station
- TOD Development under contract / pending
  - 11 Crown St (Record Journal)
  - 177 State St
  - 116 Cook Ave
  - Former Hospital

## What has been done so far Harbor Brook

- Bradley Ave Bridge
- Coe Ave Bridge
- Columbus Ave Culvert Rehabilitation
- Cook Ave Bridge
- Demolition of 31/33/51 South Colony St
- Meriden Green
- Falcon Field Detention Basin
- Barr Road Mitigation

#### **Harbor Brook Flood Control**

- Cooper St Bridge
  - Funded 50% State / 50% Local
  - Anticipated Construction Date 2017
- Amtrak Bridge
  - Locally Funded
  - Anticipated Construction Date 2017
- Mill Street Bridge Removal
  - Design Anticipated to begin 2017
- Cedar St Bridge
  - Design Anticipated to begin 2017
- Center St Bridge
  - Funded Federal and Locally
  - Construction 2018
- Cooper St to Bradley Ave Channel Improvements
  - Design 75% complete
  - Anticipated Construction 2017



#### For More Information

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#### Cook Ave two way conversion from Hanover St to Cook Ave

- Hanover Street at Cook Ave (Route 71 SB) (Southwest limit) NEW
- West Main Street at Cook Ave (Route 71 SB) (Northwest limit) NEW

#### **Hanover St Corridor**

- Hanover Street at Butler Street MODIFY
- Hanover Street at South Grove Street MODIFY
- Hanover Street at Senior Center (Pedestrian-activated signal) MODIFY
- Hanover Street at South Colony Street REMOVE

#### **East Main Street / West Main St Corridor**

- East Main Street at Pratt Street (East limit) NEW
- East Main Street / West Main Street at Colony Street NEW
- West Main Street at Barristers Court REMOVE (2017)
- West Main Street at Police / Court Complex (Pedestrian-activated signal) MODIFY
- West Main Street at Grove Street MODIFY

West Main Street at Butler Street MODIFY

#### Church St two way conversion from Colony Street to Barristers Ct

Colony Street at Church Street MODIFY

#### **Perkins Square**

Perkins Square at Crown St REMOVE

