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MEETING NOTES
PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #1
Waterbury West Main Street Corridor Study
Monday, November 16 from 3-5PM

PROJECT NUMBER:	20191377.A10
PROJECT NAME:	Waterbury West Main Street Corridor Study
ATTENDEEES:	Project Advisory Committee (PAC), Project Team Members, and representatives from CTDOT (see list below)
SUBMITTED BY:	Mark Vertucci, PE, PTOE

This meeting was held to introduce the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and team members, review the project background, objectives, scope and schedule, discuss each of the four Character sections of the corridor, and obtain initial input from the PAC on the strengths and weaknesses of the corridor.

The meeting began with each attendee introducing him/herself and discussing their affiliation as well as their role/interest in the project:

Anna Bergeron – Serving as CTDOT Project Manager, Intermodal Planning,
Bob Burns – Director of Mattatuck Museum, which is located off West Main St and he drives the corridor every day, looking to get people safely to the museum
Bob Nerney – City Planner City of Waterbury great opportunity to address aesthetics and safety issues along the corridor
Carl Rosa – Executive Director of Main Street Waterbury, concerned with the section from the green to the railroad, also lives nearby
Christian Meyer – Transportation Planner, NVCOG, administering the project
Clifford Brammer – Land Use Officer, Waterbury City Planning
Angie Mathis – Executive Director of Greater Waterbury Health Services, drives the corridor every day
Erika Lindeberg – CTDOT Traffic Engineering, will be providing project oversight
Francisco Gomes – Fitzgerald & Halliday (FHI), Subconsultant on the project team
Gary Sojka – CTDOT Policy and Planning – Will review traffic volumes, interested in changes resulting from Covid
Jim O'Rourke – CEO YMCA, runner on the corridor, wants to get people to and from the Y safely
Jon Dean – CTDOT Highway Design, looking at replacement options for the mixmaster
Joseph McGrath – Economic Development for City of Waterbury, project is the next step for enhancing economic development
Judy Mancini – Assistant to Mayor O'Leary, City of Waterbury
Lesley Barewin – Planner, NVCOG, managing project
Matt Skelly – Fuss &O'Neill, Prime consultant on the project
Mark Vertucci – F&O, Prime consultant on the project and Project Manager
Peter Brazaitis – CTDOT Traffic Engineering, technical committee member, will be reviewing from a traffic operations standpoint, Waterbury High graduate and familiar with the area
Sue Smith (caller 2) – Bike Walk CT, also grew up in the Naugatuck Valley
Peter Vaccarelli (caller 1 with Louis) – NE Transportation, has 3 bus routes using the corridor each hour

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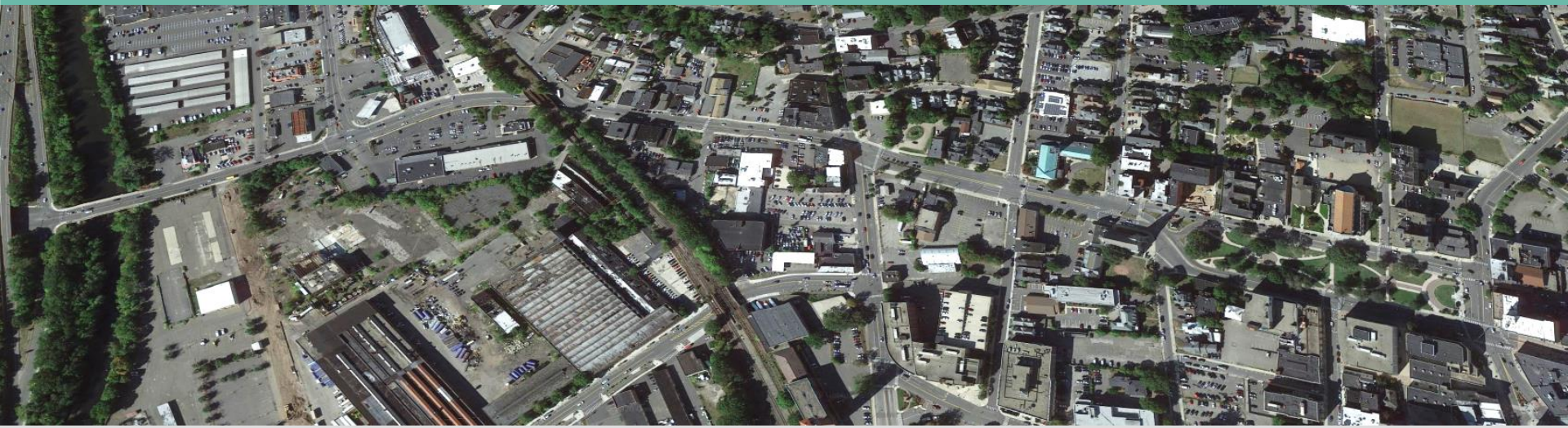


West Main Street, Waterbury Corridor Study

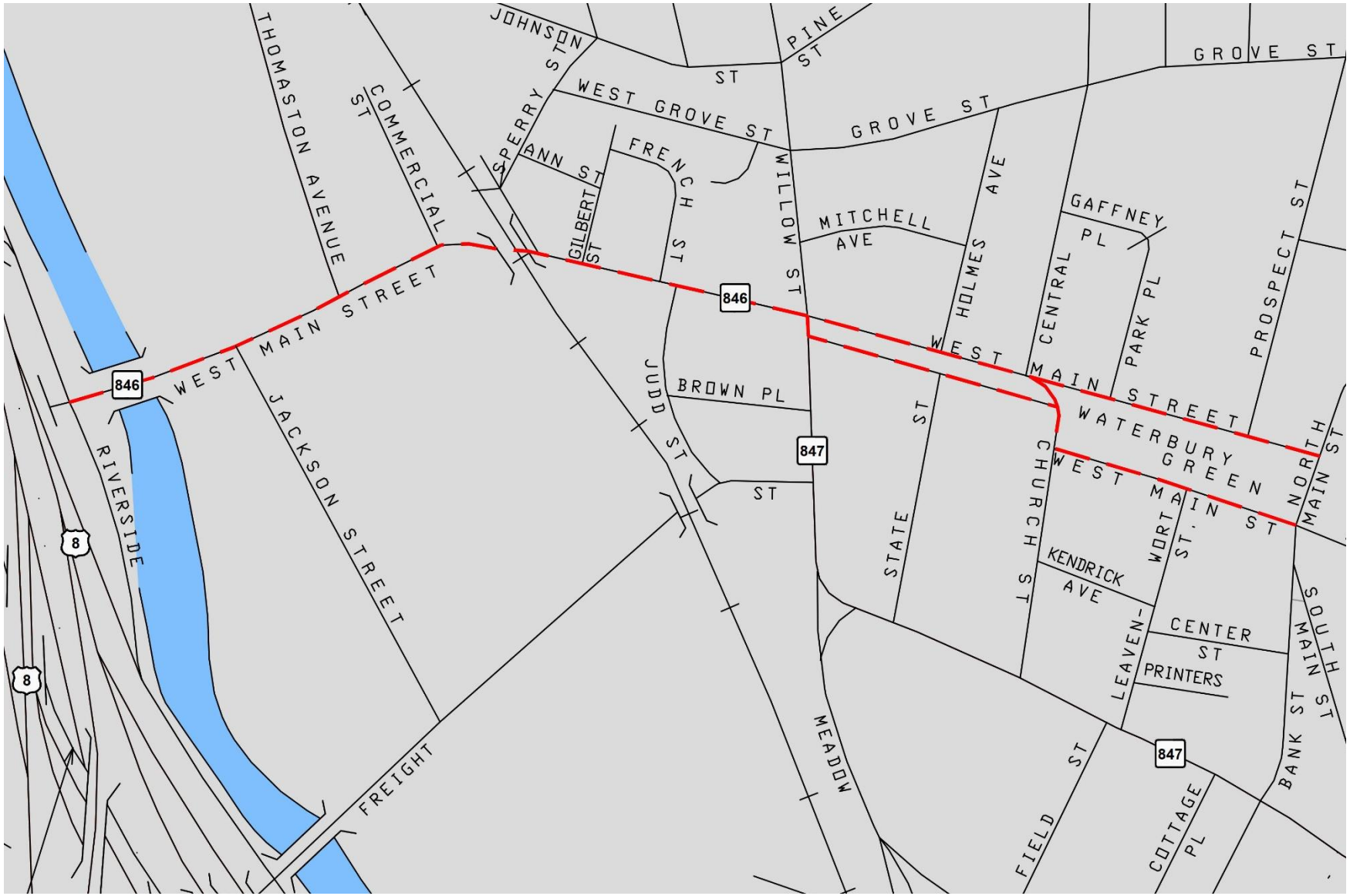
PAC Meeting #1

November 16, 2020

Today's Agenda

3:00 – 3:15 pm	Welcome and Introductions
3:15 – 3:45 pm	Project Specific Material , Scope, and Schedule
3:45 – 4:45 pm	S.W.O.T. Analysis and Open Discussion
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Next Steps and First Workshop
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Project Corridor



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Project Team

- NVCOG
  - *Lesley Barewin*
  - *Christian Meyer*

- Fuss & O'Neill
  - *Mark Vertucci, PE, PTOE*
  - *Matthew Skelly, PE, PTOE*

- FHI
  - *Francisco Gomes*

Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

Anna Bergeron	CTDOT Planning
Cliff Brammer	Waterbury, Land Use Officer
Bob Burns	The Mattatuck Museum, CEO
Jonathan Dean	CTDOT Engineering
Zack Keith	WDC Urban Historian/ Project Manager
Judy Mancini	Waterbury Mayor's Office
Angie Matthis	Greater Waterbury Health Partnership
Joe McGrath	Waterbury Director of Economic Development
Bob Nerney	Waterbury City Planner
Jim O'Rourke	CEO, YMCA
Carla Rosa	Main Street Waterbury, CEO
Sue Smith	Bike Walk CT
Maria Tavares	LaCazuela Restaurant Owner
Peter Vaccarelli	NE Transportation

Project Background

- Background
- Funding source
- Objectives
- Goals

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Scope of Work

- Public Outreach & Engagement
  - Public Meetings:
    - Gauge public opinion existing corridor
    - Workshop to brainstorm recommendations
    - Public input on final recommendations
  - Key Stakeholder Interviews
  - Website Development
    - Interactive mapping tool for geographic based comments
    - Online input survey

Scope of Work

- Data Collection & Analysis of Current Conditions
  - Field visit
  - Review of previous studies of nearby areas and potential proposed changes
  - List of bus and train services in the area
  - Vehicle and pedestrian counts at key intersections
  - Analysis of current/projected traffic levels to determine problem areas
    - Grow traffic volumes to model a future year analysis
  - Crash analysis

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Scope of Work

- Analysis of Potential Changes:
  - Explore the possibility reducing the number of lanes
  - Recommend changes to intersections and/or adjoining streets
  - Develop a plan for better sidewalks/crosswalks and bus stops
  - Develop a plan for safer and more comfortable bicycling
  - Develop a plan to make getting into and out of properties safer
  - Perform traffic analysis on any proposed road improvements projected to 2035
  - Provide concept drawings for each potential change scenario (up to 10 total)

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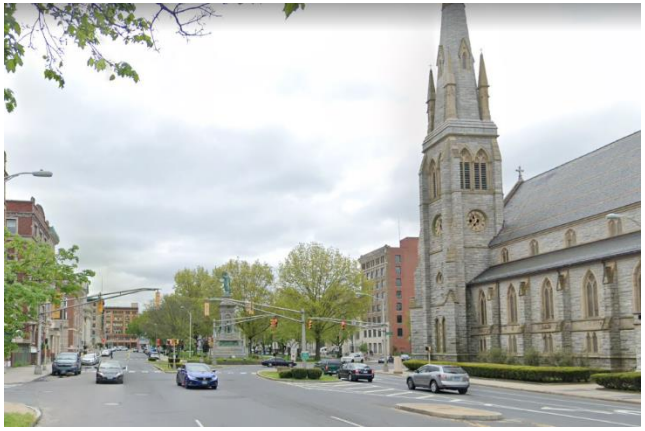
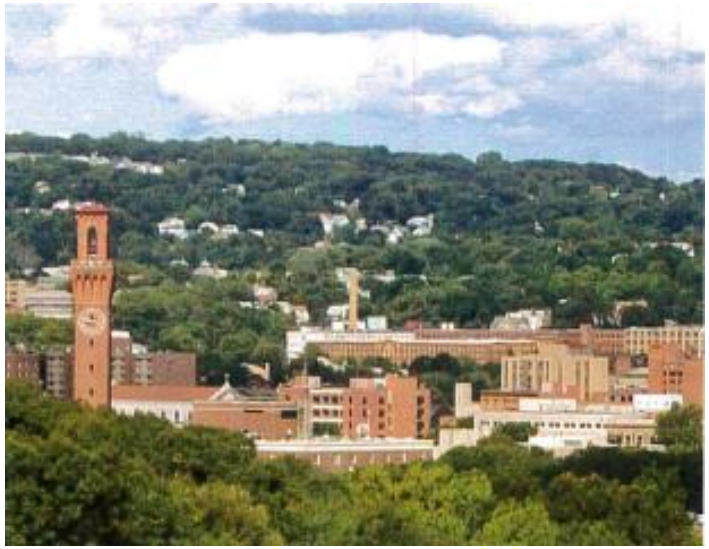
Scope of Work

- High Level Market Analysis
  - Summarize how roadway design recommendations can enhance economic developments
  - Analysis of economic and demographic trends in the study area
  - Analysis of markets that shape the demand for retail and commercial development in the study area
  - Real estate analysis to determine the potential for increase in travel demand
  - Case studies of comparable communities with complete street components
  - Focus group to present market conclusions to the PAC



Scope of Work

- Final Report
  - Short and long term recommendations with implementation strategies
  - Design conceptual layout options
  - Recommendations for how to improve the street for many types of users (cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, etc)
  - Cost estimates to implement conceptual layout options and potential funding sources



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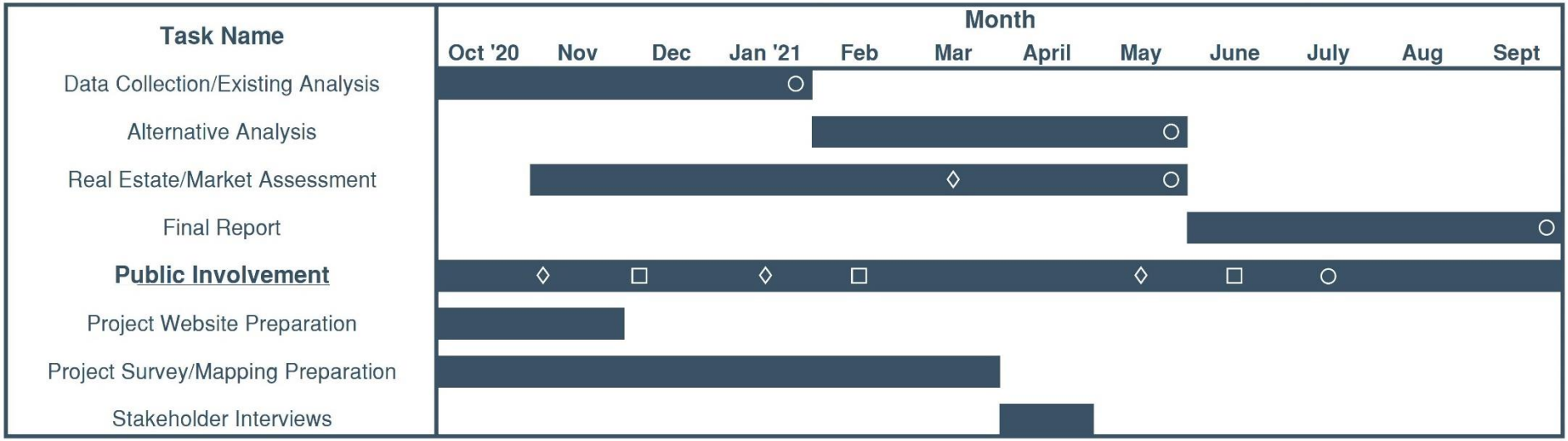
Project Schedule and Deliverables



Key		
○	=	Technical Memorandum/Report Deliverable
◊	=	Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings
□	=	Public Involvement Meetings

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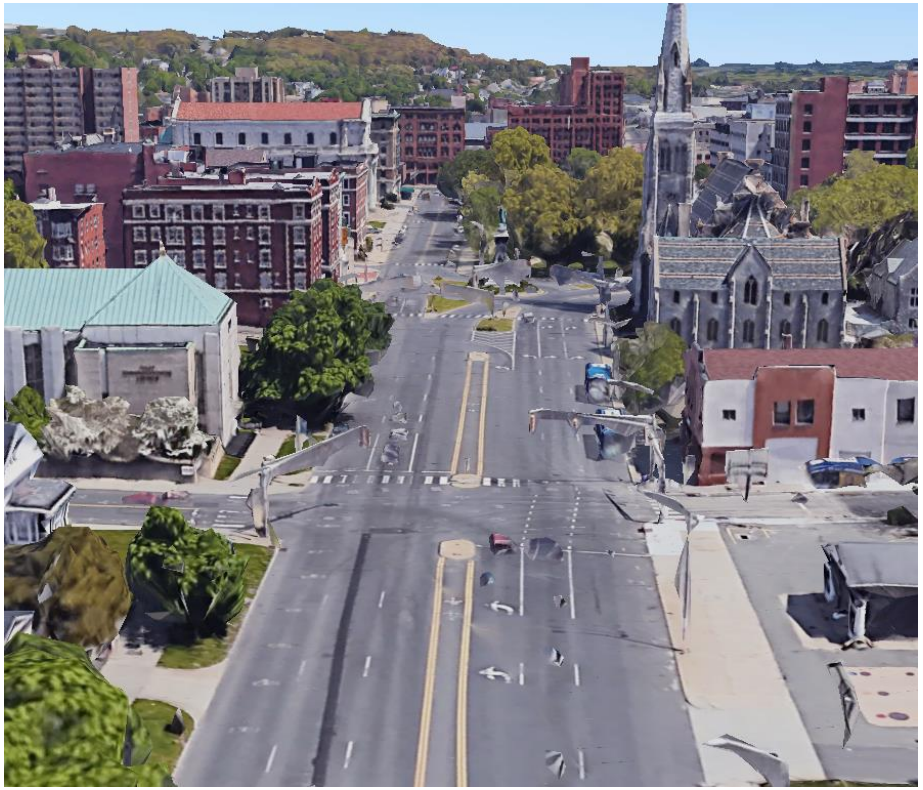
Public Outreach Plan

Early November 2020	PAC Meeting #1
Early December 2020	Public Involvement Meeting #1
Mid January 2021	PAC Meeting #2
Late January 2021	Data Collection/Existing Conditions Deliverable Due
Early Feburary 2021	Public Involvement Meeting #2
Mid March 2021	Focus Group Discussion
Early May 2021	PAC Meeting #3
Mid May 2021	Alternatives Analysis Deliverable Due
Mid May 2021	Real Estate/Market Assessment Deliverable Due
Mid June 2021	Public Involvement Meeting #3
Mid July 2021	Public Involvement Deliverable Due
Mid September 2021	Final Report Due

*The overall schedule is subject to change based on the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Fundamental Challenge

- Street vs. Road
- Make the best use of the City owned space for all users
- Comfortable and safe feeling for all roadway users
- All users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities



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Complete Streets

Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from train stations.

- Smart Growth America

Road Diet – West Hartford Example

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S.W.O.T. Analysis

- Strengths

  What is this corridor doing well?

- Weaknesses

  What are existing flaws with this corridor?

- Opportunities

  In what ways can this corridor improve?

- Threats

  What are some potential limitations when rethinking this corridor?

Street Section #1

Between Route 8 and the Railroad Overpass

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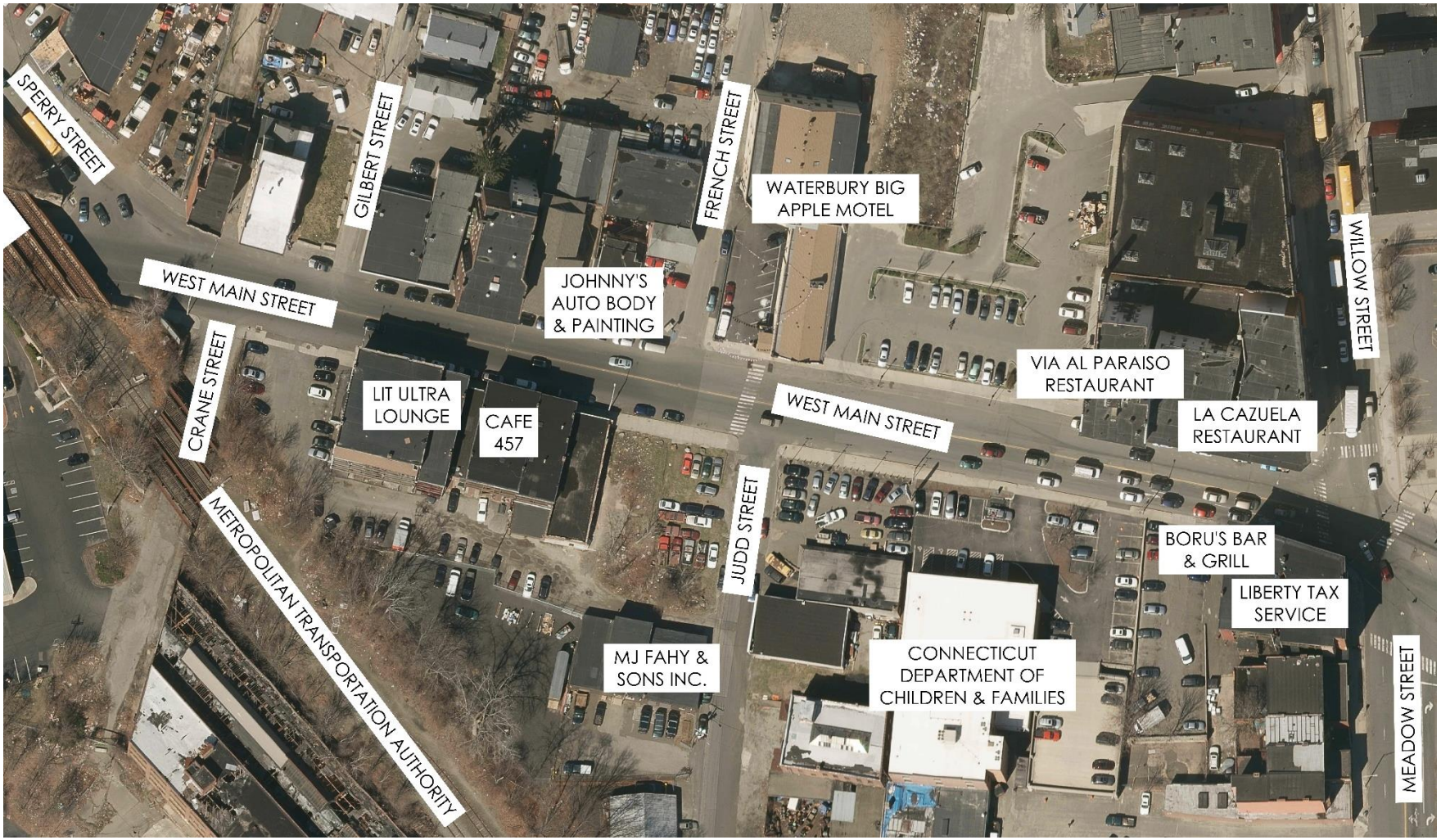
Street Section #2

Between Railroad Overpass and Meadow Street



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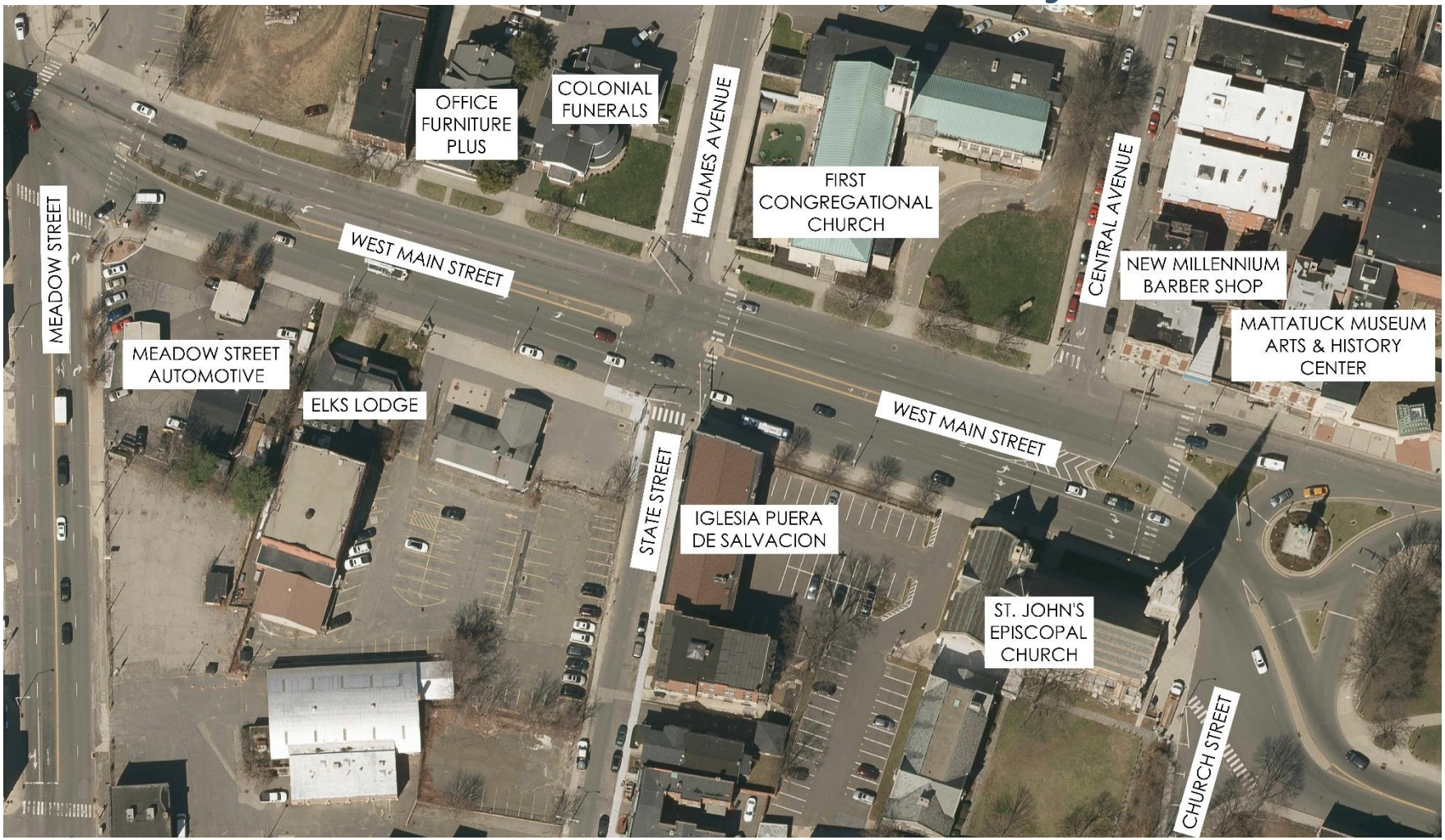
Street Section #3

Between Meadow Street and Waterbury Green



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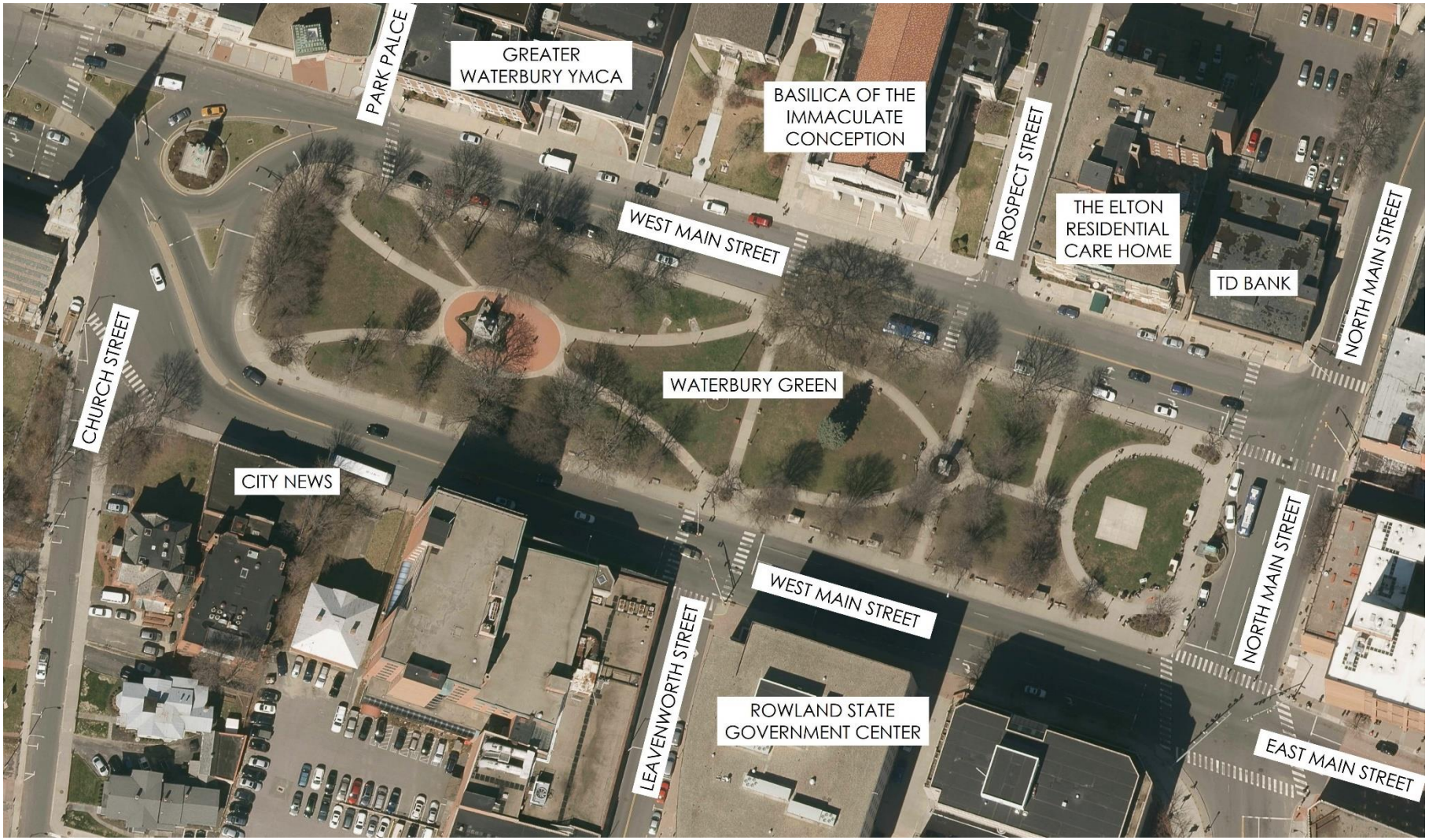
Street Section #4

Waterbury Green



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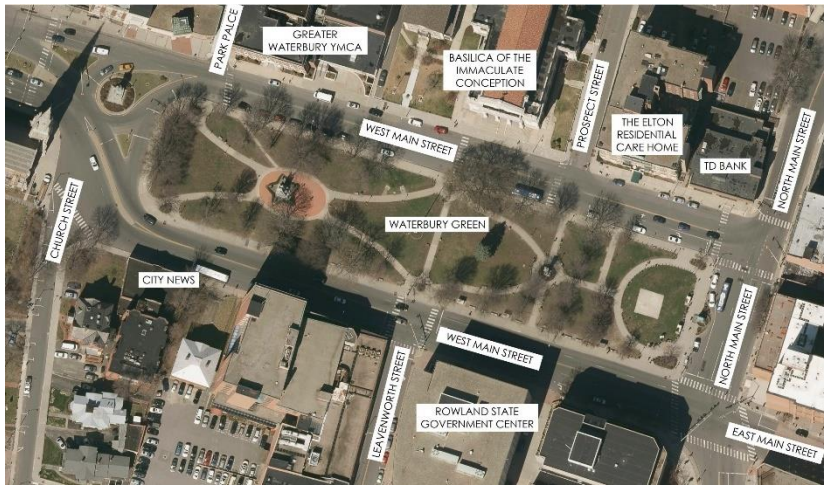
Discussion

Between Route 8 and Railroad Overpass

Between Railroad Overpass and Meadow St

Between Meadow Street and Waterbury Green



Waterbury Green

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