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MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, June 17th, 2024
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: via ZOOM/City of Norwalk YouTube channel

Public Comment

Business

1. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2024;
2. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the Partial Road Closure for the St. Ann's Festival from July 22, 2024 to July 29, 2024. *[Joseph Tamburro - Event Organizer];*
3. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the Full Road Closure for the Norwalk Complete Streets Demonstration Project on June 23, 2024 from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. *[Garrett Bolella - Assistant Director, TMP];*
4. (Discussion & Vote) Approve proposed Speed Limit Change & School Zone Letters to OSTA for Miscellaneous Norwalk Streets. *[Kyle Benjamin - Traffic Analyst, TMP]; and*
5. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the proposed "No Parking" & "2 Hr Parking" regulations on Knight Street. *[Kyle Benjamin - Traffic Analyst, TMP].*

6. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the proposed parking shift Gregory Boulevard at Ludlow Park. *[Nathan Fankhanel - Junior Engineer, TMP]*.

Next Meeting: July 15th 2024.

Item 1.

May 20, 2024 Minutes

CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
May 20, 2024

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Collier-Clemmons; Commissioner Sumpter

STAFF: Chief James Walsh; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore, Deputy Chief James Dinho; Kyle Benjamin, Traffic Analyst; Nathan Fankhanel, Junior Engineer, TMP.; Benjamin Yeung, Senior Traffic Engineer, TMP.

OTHERS: Tanner Thompson, Chair, Bike/Walk Commission, Ben Hanpeter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cece said she understands the request came from a resident for the “no parking” regulation on Myrtle Street and realizes they are trying to remedy a safety issue but wants to be sure we are not correcting one problem and creating another, especially when there is a potential pending zoning application for a significant use on Norden Place. She said she is concerned that the traffic may find it to be a better route by using Myrtle Street. She said she also spoke with another resident and there is still a sightline concern at the top of Strawberry Hill Avenue with the parked cars along Strawberry Hill Avenue and suggested that be investigated.

Ms. Cece said she did send an email to the Bike/Walk Committee regarding the open streets event and while she thinks it is a wonderful event she has a lot of concerns about it being held on a Saturday in June and suggested it be moved to the fall.

Ms. Cece said that she would like to see TMP’s recommendation for modifying the intersection on Fifth Street @ Strawberry Hill Ave on a future Traffic Authority agenda for discussion. She said the Traffic Authority and the past Police Chief had supported looking at a roundabout as opposed to any other solution, and she hopes that nothing has advanced through TMP beyond a possible conception and design.

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2024

Change “Mr. Benjemin” to “Mr. Benjamin” throughout.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVE THE PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE FOR CALF PASTURE BEACH OPEN STREETS EVENT ON JUNE 1, 2024, FROM 6:30AM TO 3:30PM

Mayor Rilling asked which part of the beach will be closed to traffic. Mr. Thompson said this request was presented to the Traffic Authority approximately two months ago as the event was scheduled to take place on the Saturday following the I-95 closure. He said the southbound lane of Beach Road will have one lane open in both directions, and the northbound lanes will be open for walking and biking, but not to car traffic. Mayor Rilling asked if the parking for Ripka’s will be affected. Mr. Benjamin said “no” that will not be affected. Mr. Thompson noted that there have been no changes to the traffic pattern since it was originally presented to the Traffic Authority.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked what the hours of the event are. Mr. Thompson said the event is four hours and they are advertising to the public the hours of 9:00AM to 1:00PM., but the approval they are seeking today is a closure from 6:30AM to 2:30PM. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said the motion

is seeking approval for the hours of 6:30AM to 3:30PM. Mr. Hanpeter said the cleanup should not take more than 1 1/2 hours so they should be done by 2:30PM.

Commissioner Sumpter asked if the police would be present for traffic control. Mr. Thompson said the last time they presented to the Traffic Authority they requested three officers, but the police department requested five officers and a supervisor. Chief Walsh confirmed that the jobs for the extra officers have been posted.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if there were any issues with the traffic the last time the event was held. Chief Walsh said “no”.

Mayor Rilling said he understands Ms. Cece’s concerns and there could be a significant amount of traffic, but this event could possibly be a traffic calming event because people tend to go down Beach Road at a faster rate of speed. He requested that the Police Department provide an after-action report to the Traffic Authority following the event with any concerns that were noted.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE FOR CALF PASTURE BEACH OPEN STREETS EVENT ON JUNE 1, 2024, FROM 6:30AM TO 3:30PM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE LETTER TO OSTA FOR THE PONUS NEIGHBORHOOD

Mr. Benjamin said a few months ago TMP had requested a change to the speed limit in a few different neighborhoods and this request is along the same lines and is between Ponus Avenue and New Canaan Avenue. He said they have received a few customer service requests from residents in the area regarding speeding in these areas and TMP had investigated and found some minor speeding issues between 25MPH and 30MPH, but the way the roads are designed they are warranted for 25MPH. He said there are no speed limit signs and if approved, they will install 25MPH speed limit signs as a form of speed mitigation in this neighborhood.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE LETTER TO OSTA FOR THE PONUS NEIGHBORHOOD.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE PROPOSED ‘NO PARKING’ REGULATIONS ON IVY PLACE

Mr. Yeung said that TMP is proposing to create a “no parking anytime” restriction at the Corner of Ivy Place and West Cedar Street. He said this is an issue that had been brought to them by a resident at 164 West Cedar Street that mentioned when coming out of the driveway there are some cars parked along the side of the road which creates some issues with potential head on collisions because Ivy Place particularly at that section is very narrow. He said that TMP had investigated, and the road was found to be approximately 22’ wide and thought it was prudent that parking be eliminated on both sides of Ivy Place just for the 75’ to 85’ section immediately north of West Cedar Street. He said there are already some existing sections of “no parking” further up the street, but there would be plenty of remaining space for on street parking for residents should they have to relocate.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if there has been evidence of people parking around the cul-de-sac. Mr. Yeung said there is already “no parking anytime” restriction in the island so the existing restriction will remain in place, and they will possibly be reinforcing that restriction with additional signage.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if the 25’ parking restriction as Ivy Place enters Taylor Avenue is already in effect. Mr. Yeung said the citywide ordinance is in effect there for those particular corners so they will be reinforcing that ordinance with “no parking anytime” signs.

Mayor Rilling said some of the streets in that area, such as Nash Place, are relatively narrow and thinks it would be advisable to investigate the area for other potential issues that may arise because of the way other people are parking.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE PROPOSED ‘NO PARKING’ REGULATIONS ON IVY PLACE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPROVE THE PROPOSED “NO PARKING” REGULATIONS ON MYRTLE STREET

Mr. Benjamin said that TMP has received some customer service tickets regarding parking in front of 44 Myrtle Street causing vehicles to move into the center of the road which is causing the possibility of collisions. He said he looked at the crash data and there was a collision a few years ago which was a head on collision that did result in a possible injury, so based on that collision and what they have seen there it does make sense to eliminate some parking which should help to mitigate that issue.

Mr. Benjamin said to Ms. Cece’s point regarding trucks turning down Myrtle Street TMP will look at that but there are already speed humps along Myrtle Street which he believes would disincentivize through traffic especially trucks on that street, but again will take a larger look especially as part of the Fitch Street @ Strawberry Hill Avenue concepts that they are doing at that intersection. He said this plan should help to mitigate crashes and they don’t believe it will incentivize trucks to go down the street any further.

Mayor Rilling said it is very dangerous to pull out of Myrtle Street onto Strawberry Hill Avenue. Mr. Benjamin said that TMP will look at that but believes the parking that is on Strawberry Hill Avenue creates more of a safe zone for cars to pull up and look down the sight line on either side. Mayor Rilling said that people exceed the speed limit on Strawberry Hill Avenue quite regularly, so something also needs to be done in that regard.

****COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED “NO PARKING” REGULATIONS ON MYRTLE STREET.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. APPROVE THE PROPOSED “NO PARKING” REGULATIONS ON MONTEREY PLACE

Mr. Fankhanel said this item was brought to TMP’s attention via a customer service ticket and the intersection of Monterey Place @ Grove Street is only 26’ across and is too narrow for cars to park on both sides of the street. He said they are only requesting lengthening the 25’ corner ordinance to approximately 60’ and install signage.

****COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED “NO PARKING” REGULATIONS ON MONTEREY PLACE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd

Item 2.

Approve Partial Closure for the annual
St. Ann's Festival

- Hendricks Avenue from Yankee Doodle Court to I-95 Bridge

Closure of Hendricks Avenue for St. Ann's Festival



Event Information

Event Name	Saint Ann Feast
Event Website	https://www.stannclub.org/
Social Media Marketing Pages	No
Event Description	Annual Saint Ann Feast with Food, Music Entertainment, Amusement Games, Raffle and Rides
Public Event Description	Annual Saint Ann Feast with Food, Music Entertainment, Amusement Games, Raffle and Rides
Public Calendar Location	16 Hendricks Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851
Is there a fee for any portion of the event?	No

Event Dates & Attendance

Set-up, Event and Dismantle take place on the same day	No
Is your proposed event a recurring series of events?	Yes
Recurring series of event pattern	Daily
Recurring Weekly/Bi-Weekly Pattern	Other Pattern
Will your proposed recurring or repeating event have the same schedule for set-up, event or dismantle?	No
Multiday Permit Start Date	07-22-2024
Multiday Permit End Date	07-29-2024
Multiday Permit Start Time	7:00 am
Multiday Permit End Time	11:00 pm
Event Start Date	07-22-2024
Event End Date	07-28-2024
Recurring Series List of Event Dates	Thursday July 25, 2024; Friday July 26,2024, Saturday July 27,2024, Sunday July 28, 2024
Estimated Daily # of Participants	1000
Estimated Daily # of Spectators	1000
Estimated Daily # of Staff/Volunteers	75

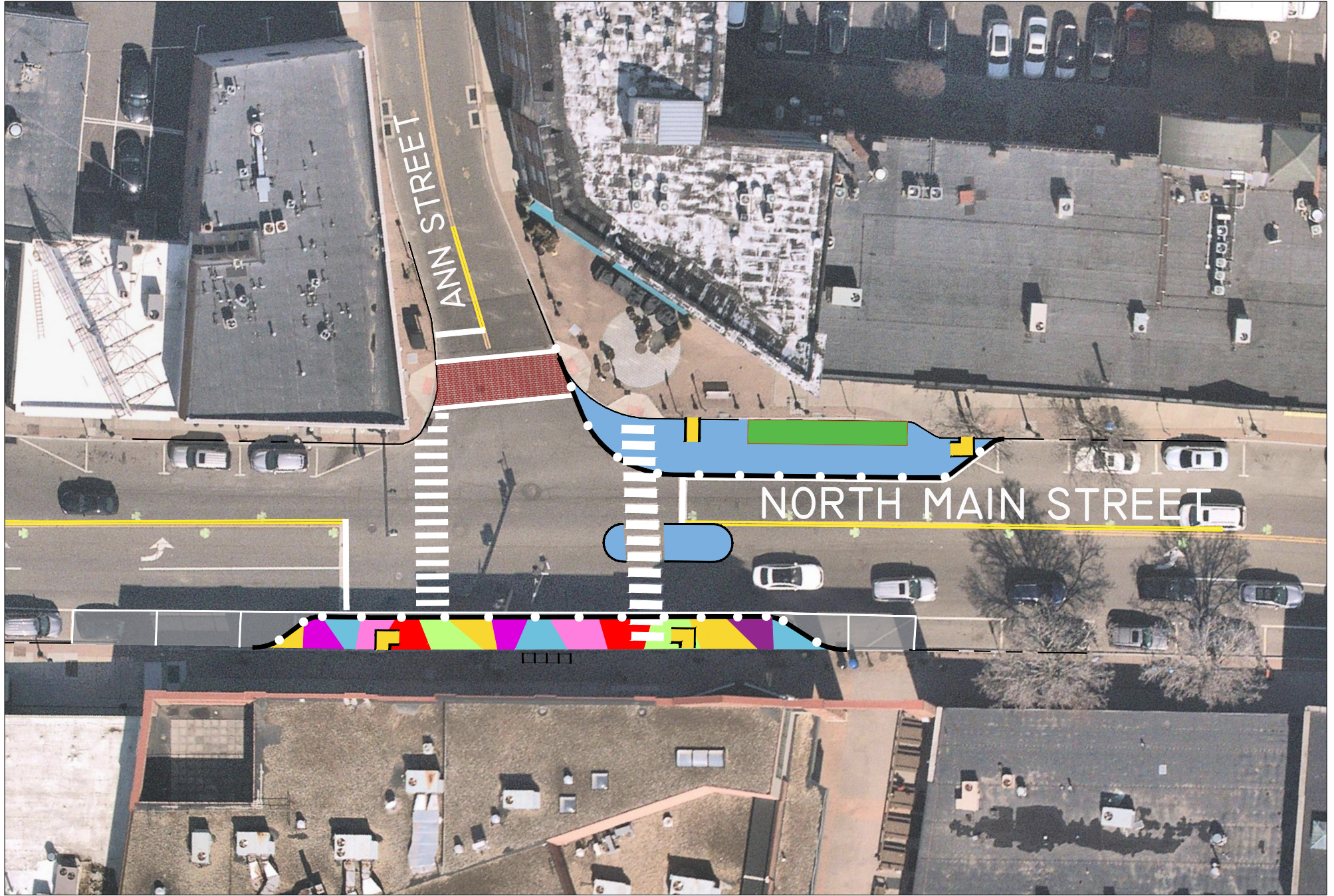
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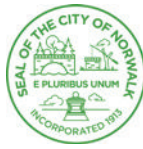
Will any train tracks be impacted by your event?	No
Will any state roads be impacted by your event?	No
Will any roads and/or sidewalk be impacted by your event?	Yes
Road and/or Sidewalk Closure	Full road closure
Road Closure Start Date/Time	07-25-2024 5:00 pm
Road Closure End Date/Time	07-28-2024 10:00 pm
Road Closure related file(s)	
Enter Road Closure and other related details	Hendricks Ave Police to barricade off as usual and direct any emergency access.
Are you using a Traffic Control Company (TCC)?	No
Do you need any barrels, cones and/or barricades?	Yes
Barrels, Cones and/or Barricades Description	Hendricks Ave Police to barricade off as usual and direct any emergency access.

Item 3.

Approve Full Closure for TMP's Complete Streets Demonstration Project

- North Main Street at Ann Street



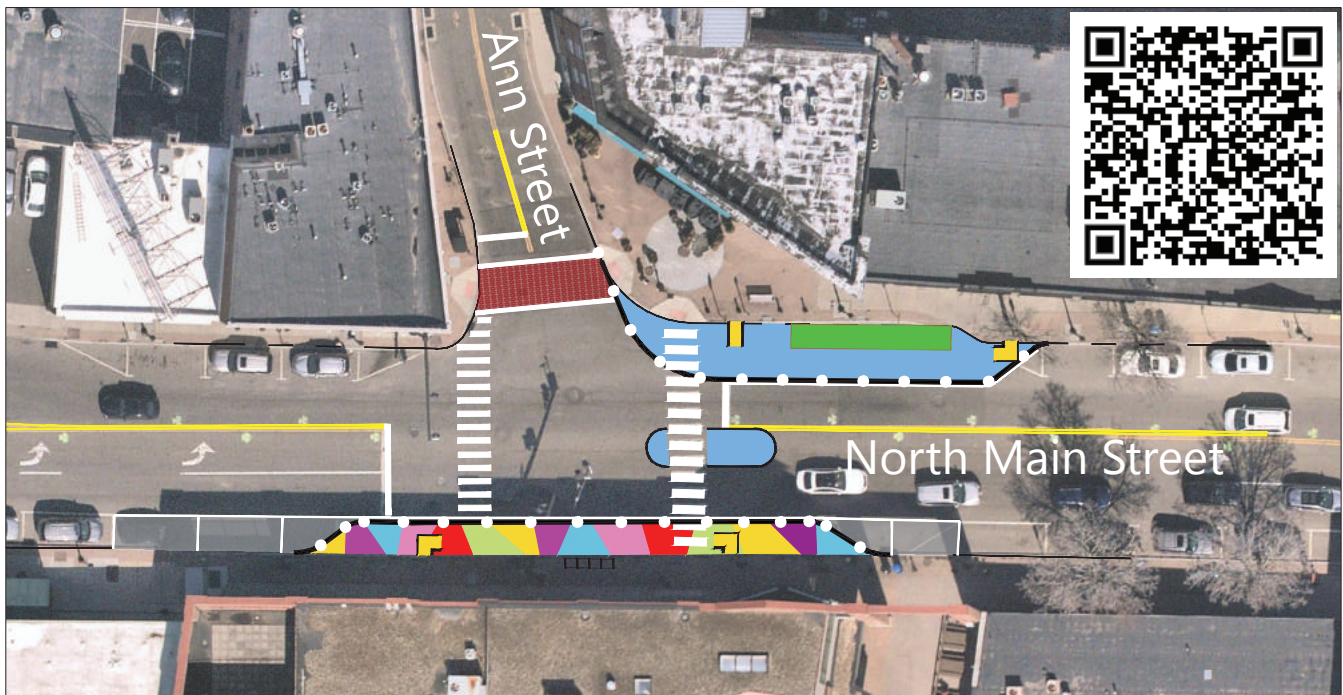


Help Complete Norwalk's Streets!

North Main Street Demonstration Project

Sunday June 23, 2024
Starting at 10:00 am
North Main St at Ann St

Scan the QR Code Below to Register & Participate!



**Norwalk Complete Streets
Demonstration Project
N Main Street Detour Plan**

-  = Full Detour
-  = Demonstration Area
-  = Local Traffic Only
-  = Full Closure



Demonstration Project

- The demonstration project will be in effect on N Main Street Sunday June 23rd
- The project will include curb extensions, delineator cones, additional to existing pedestrian crossings with ADA accessible curb ramps, parklets, paint, a Norwalk painted logo, and a bike rack.



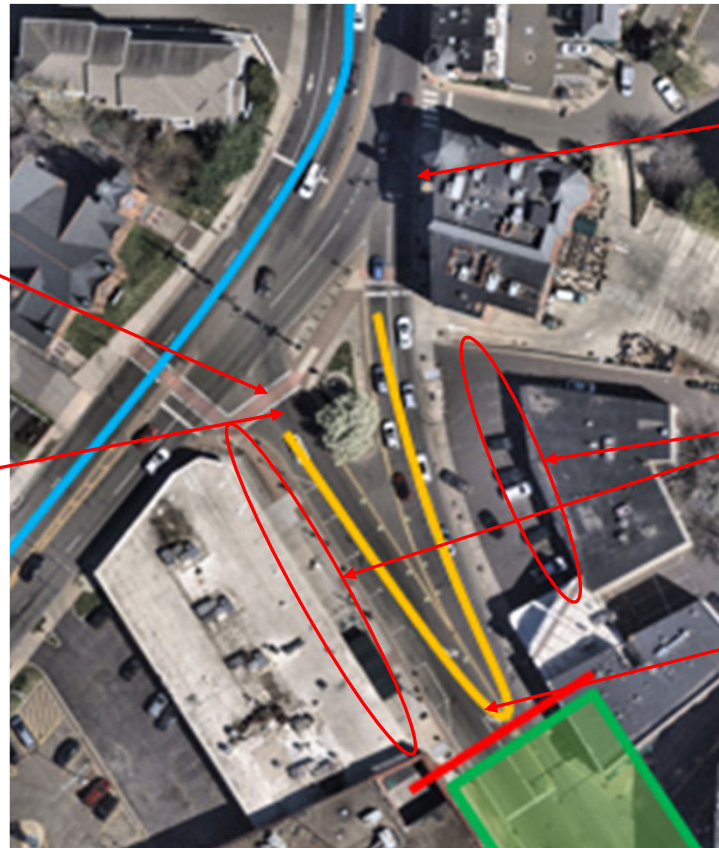
MLK Blvd @ N Main Street



M4-10



R11-4



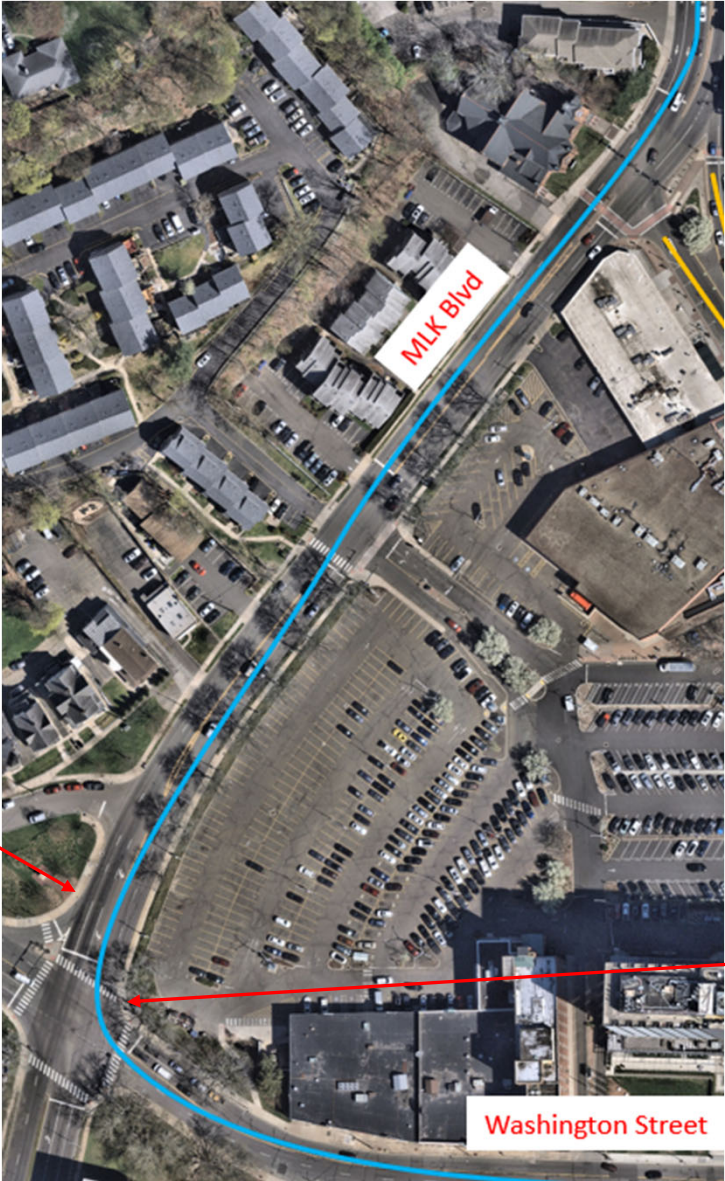
M4-8a

Maintain access to local businesses on either side of N Main Street



R11-2

N Main Street Detour via MLK Blvd



N Main Street Detour via Washington Street



M4-10



M4-10

(left arrow)



M4-10



W12-2



M4-9

10'-10" Max Height
All overheight
vehicles must turn
right onto Madison
Street and reconnect
to MLK Blvd

-  = N Main Street Detour
-  = Overheight Vehicle Detour Route back to MLK Blvd

N Main Street Project Area Detour Signage



R11-2



M4-8a



R11-2

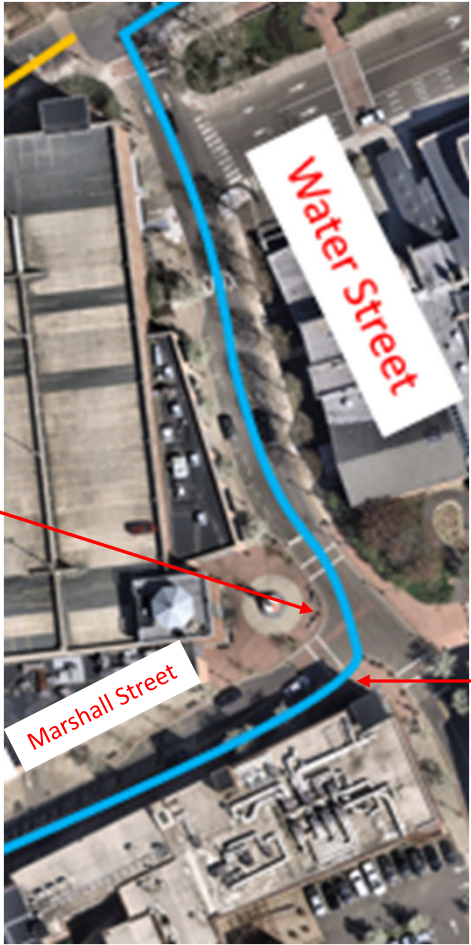


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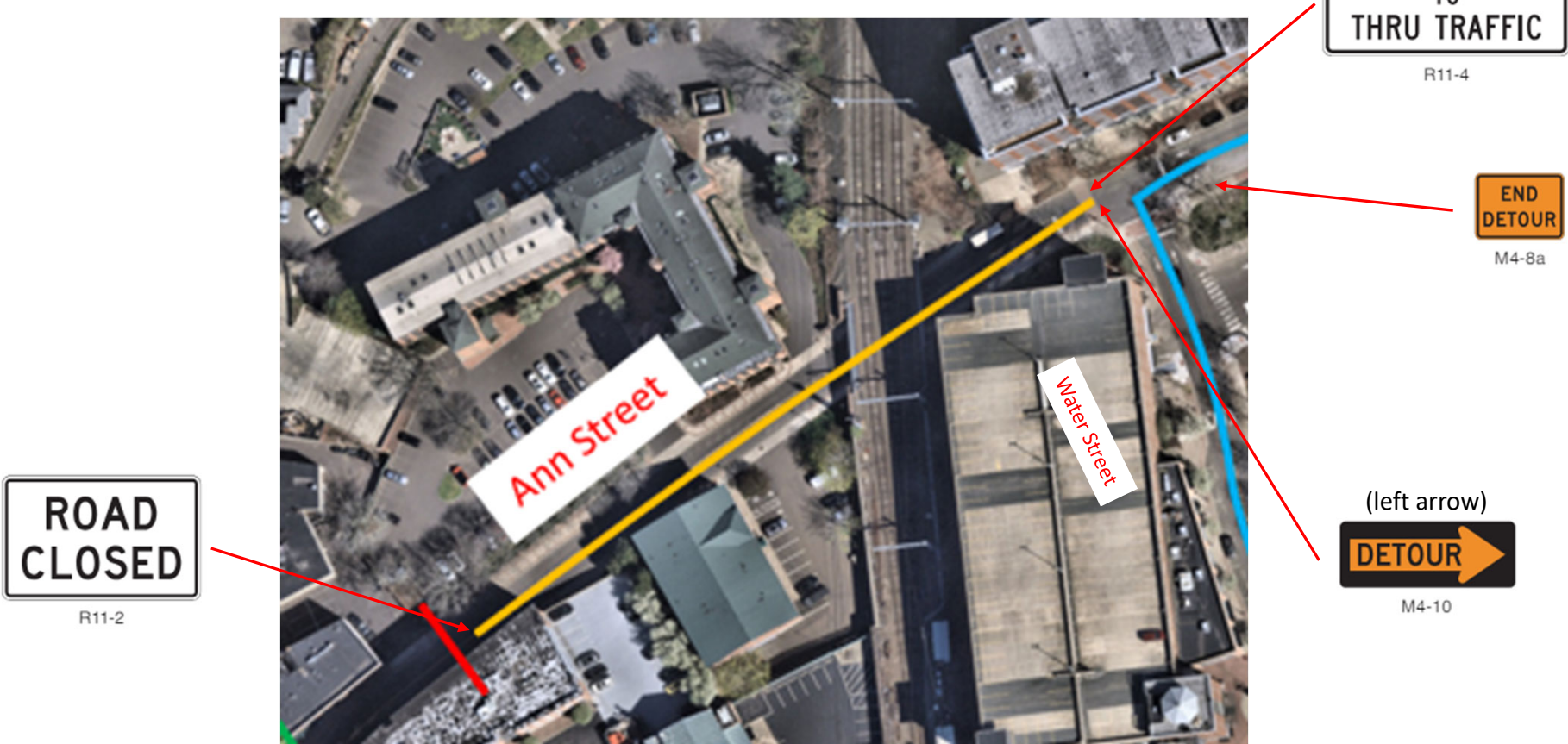


R11-2

Ann Street & N Main Street Detour via Marshall Street and Water Street



Ann Street & N Main Street Detour via Water Street and N Water Street



Detour Signage Order Summary

Sign Code: QTY

M4-10 (Right Arrow): 6

M4-10 (Left Arrow): 4

R11-4: 2

R11-2: 3

M4-8a: 3

W12-2: 1 – 10'-10"

M4-9: 1



M4-10



R11-4



R11-2



M4-8a



W12-2



M4-9

Event Information

Event Name	City of Norwalk Complete Streets Demonstration Project
Social Media Marketing Pages	No
Event Description	As part of the City's adoption of Complete Streets, TMP would like to showcase a complete street to the public so everyone can see/use a safer, multimodal, and vibrant street to really see what the legislation is all about. In order to do this, TMP has planned a demonstration project at the intersection of North Main Street & Ann Street that will involve closing off underutilized space to make room for sidewalks & parklets, painting the street with new crosswalks and a vibrant art piece, new temporary curb ramps to promote ADA accessibility, and inclusion of some missing park spots!
Public Event Description	As part of the City's adoption of Complete Streets, TMP would like to showcase a complete street to the public so everyone can see/use a safer, multimodal, and vibrant street to really see what the legislation is all about. In order to do this, TMP has planned a demonstration project at the intersection of North Main Street & Ann Street that will involve closing off underutilized space to make room for sidewalks & parklets, painting the street with new crosswalks and a vibrant art piece, new temporary curb ramps to promote ADA accessibility, and inclusion of some missing park spots! We invite the public to join us from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday June 23rd to help paint the street and enjoy the newly created complete street!
Public Calendar Location	75 North Main Street
Is there a fee for any portion of the event?	No
Maximum # of tickets to be sold / issued	50

Event Dates & Attendance

Set-up, Event and Dismantle take place on the same day	Yes
Event Date	06-23-2024
Set-up Start Time	7:00 am
Set-up End Time	2:30 pm
Event Start Time	10:00 pm
Event End Time	2:30 pm
Dismantle Start Time	2:30 pm
Dismantle End Time	3:00 pm
Estimated # of Participants	35
Estimated # of Staff/Volunteers	15

Roadway Information

Will any train tracks be impacted by your event?	No
Will any state roads be impacted by your event?	No
Will any roads and/or sidewalk be impacted by your event?	Yes
Road and/or Sidewalk Closure	Full road closure
Road Closure Start Date/Time	06-23-2024 7:00 am
Road Closure End Date/Time	06-23-2024 12:00 pm
Road Closure related file(s)	Demonstration Project Detour Plan.pdf
Enter Road Closure and other related details	We will just be closing the intersection of North Main Street & Ann Street from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm on Sunday June 23rd to paint the intersection.
Are you using a Traffic Control Company (TCC)?	No
Do you need any barrels, cones and/or barricades?	No

Item 4.

Approve Speed Limit Changes & School Zone Request, Misc. Norwalk Streets

- Creeping Hemlock Drive from West Rocks Road to Butternut Lane
- Grumman Avenue from Half Mile Road to Newtown Avenue
- School Zone on Grumman Avenue from Live Oak Road to Mohawk Drive
- School Zone on Knowalot Lane from Field Street to Grumman Avenue
- Keeler Avenue from Connecticut Avenue (US Route 1) to Flax Hill Road



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Re: Speed Limit Review Requested
Grumman Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit at Grumman Avenue from Half Mile Road to Newtown Avenue (CT Route 53). The total roadway length of the subject area is about 1 mile. The City has strategically requested a speed reduction around school areas where we have recently made investments. Grumman Avenue will be repaved this summer along with installing new sidewalks, restriping the road and future plans for school improvements for nearby Cranbury Elementary School. We plan to request a School Zone Speed Limit on the section of roadway nearest the school as well.

The City proposes a 25 MPH speed limit on the southern portion of Grumman Avenue to continue the 25 MPH posted speed limit on Grumman Avenue North of Half Mile Road. The posted speed for the portion of Grumman Avenue from Half Mile Road to Newtown Avenue is 30 MPH.

The City of Norwalk utilized Streetlight data to establish volumes and speed data at the given road segments and intersections. The data shows an average speed of 29 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 33 MPH along with a weighted average of the AADT being 2,444 in the subject area. Setting the new speed limit will aid in our total transition to a safer overall school area. If approval of this request is granted the City of Norwalk will procure and install all proper signage as laid out in the CTDOT Guidelines.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a posted speed limit of 25MPH based on the information provided. Please do not hesitate to contact me, James Travers at jtravers@norwalkct.gov or (203) 854-7736. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James Travers,
Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking

CC:

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Re: Speed Limit Review Requested
Keeler Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit at Keeler Avenue from Connecticut Avenue (U.S. Route 1) to Flax Hill Road. The total roadway length of the subject area is 0.47 miles. The City has strategically requested a speed reduction in areas where there is increasing biking and pedestrian activity and infrastructure. In coordination with the new Wegman's development on this portion of Keeler Avenue, there will be new bike lanes and sharrows installed.

The City proposes a 25 MPH speed limit on the southern portion of Keeler Avenue to continue the 25 MPH speed limit on Keeler Avenue north of Route 1. There is currently no posted speed limit on the southern portion of Keeler Avenue. Setting the new speed limit will aid in our total transition to a bike and pedestrian friendly city.

The City of Norwalk utilized Streetlight data to establish volumes and speed data at the given road segments and intersections. The data shows an average speed of 24 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 31 MPH along with an AADT of 3,069 in the subject area. If approval of this request is granted the City of Norwalk will procure and install all proper signage as laid out in the CTDOT Guidelines.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a posted speed limit of 25 MPH based on the information provided. Please do not hesitate to contact me, James Travers at jtravers@norwalkct.gov or (203) 854-7736. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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Re: Speed Limit Review Requested
Creeping Hemlock Road
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit at Creeping Hemlock Road from the Merritt Parkway (CT Route 15) Off Ramp to Butternut Lane. The total roadway length of the subject area is 0.45 miles. The City has strategically requested a speed reduction in this area as residents have expressed concerns for speeding in this residential neighborhood and clear confusion about the road's speed limit, as the northern section is already 25 MPH.

The City proposes a 25 MPH speed limit on the southern portion of Creeping Hemlock Road to continue the 25 MPH speed limit on Creeping Hemlock north of Butternut Lane to West Rocks Road. There is currently no posted speed limit on the southern portion of Creeping Hemlock Road.

The City of Norwalk utilized Streetlight data to establish volumes and speed data at the given road segments and intersections. The data shows an average speed of 26 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 31 MPH along with an average AADT of 2,993 in the subject area. Setting the new speed limit will aid in our total transition to a safer residential area in Norwalk. If approval of this request is granted the City of Norwalk will procure and install all proper signage as laid out in the CTDOT Guidelines.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a posted speed limit of 25MPH based on the information provided. Please do not hesitate to contact me, James Travers at jtravers@norwalkct.gov or (203) 854-7736. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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Re: School Zone Speed Limit Review Requested
Grumman Avenue & Knowalot Lane
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit of Grumman Avenue from Live Oak Road to Mohawk Drive (0.55 mi) and Knowalot Lane from Grumman Avenue to Field Street (0.46 mi). The city has already requested a Speed Limit Change for Grumman Avenue from 30 MPH to 25 MPH and Knowalot Lane is currently 25 MPH. The City is strategically requesting a School Zone on these roads surrounding Cranbury Elementary School as there have been concerns about students walking to school, speeds along the roadway, and the city is making investments in the area.

The City proposes a 20 MPH School Zone Speed Limit on both the portion of Grumman Avenue nearest Cranbury Elementary School and the entirety of Knowalot Lane from the times of 8:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. As part of this project the City would post school zone speed limit signage, normal speed limit signage, and school zone flashers. We are requesting this School Zone now as the City's Department of Public Works will be repaving the roadway and sidewalks along Grumman Avenue this summer and the City recently conducted a Walk Audit with CTDOT at the Cranbury Elementary School, one of the findings of which was the lack of a school zone and the variable speed limits along Grumman Avenue.

The City of Norwalk utilized Streetlight data to establish volumes and speed data at the given road segments and intersections. The data shows for Grumman Avenue an average speed of 26 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 31 MPH along with an AADT of 2,993 in the subject area, while Knowalot Lane had an average speed of 23 MPH, with an 85th percentile speed of 31 MPH and an AADT of 1,922. Setting the new School Zone Speed Limit will aid in our total transition to a safer school area in Norwalk. If approval of this request is granted the City of Norwalk will procure and install all proper signage as laid out in the CTDOT Guidelines.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a posted School Zone Speed Limit of 20 MPH from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm based on the information provided. Please do not hesitate to

contact me, James Travers at jtravers@norwalkct.gov or (203) 854-7736. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James Travers,
Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking

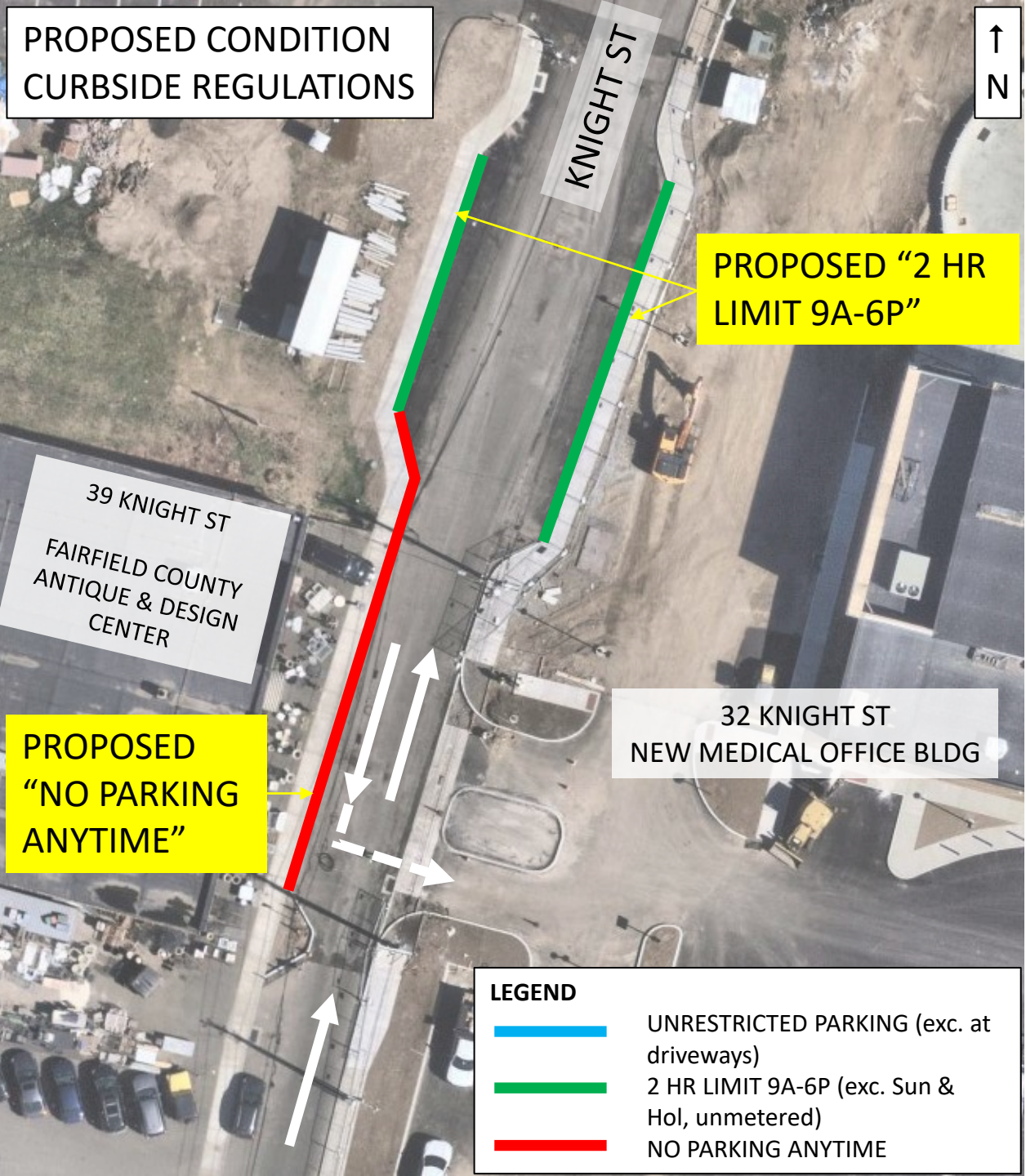
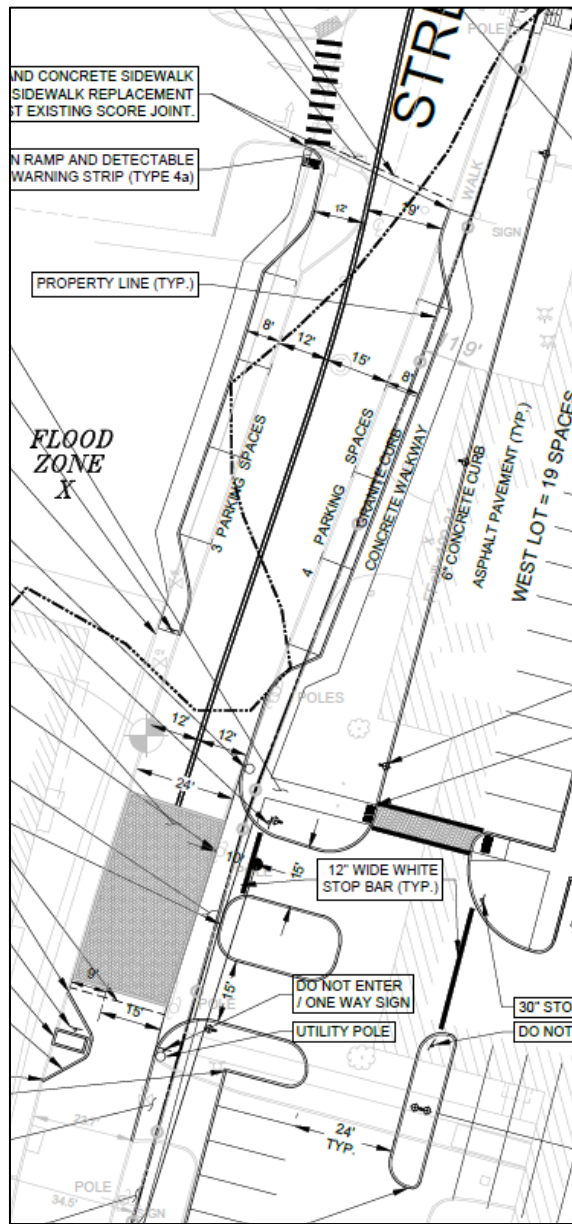
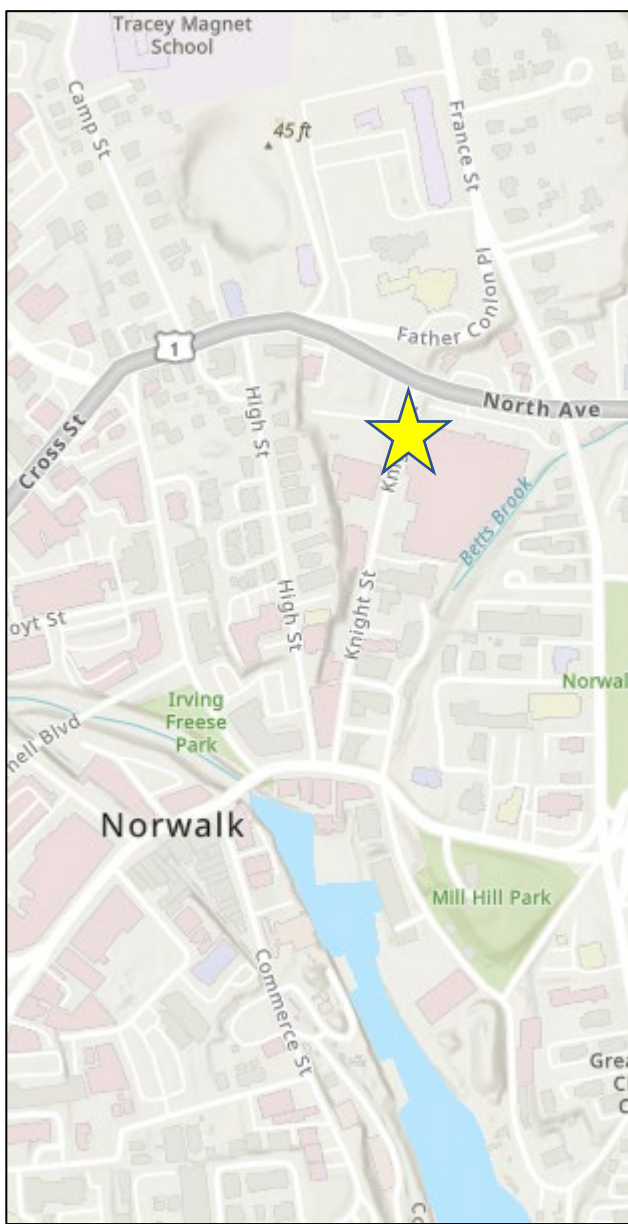
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Norwalk Traffic Authority

Item 5.

Approve Proposed “No Parking” & “2 Hr Parking” Regulation Knight Street

- 32 Knight Street



Item 6.

Approve Proposed parking shift
Regulation on Gregory Boulevard

- Ludlow Park (99 Gregory Boulevard)

EXISTING

LEGEND

UNRESTRICTED PARKING (exc. at driveways)

NO PARKING ANYTIME



Proposed Shift of Parking Lane to the Park Side (East Side) of Gregory Boulevard at Ludlow Park.

PROPOSED
For Norwalk Traffic Authority 6/17/24

LEGEND



UNRESTRICTED PARKING (exc. at driveways)



NO PARKING ANYTIME



FIFTH ST

ROLAND AVE

ALDEN AVE

GREGORY BLVD

LUDLOW PARK

MARVIN ELEM SCHOOL
PARKING LOT

CALF PASTURE BEACH RD

Proposed Shift of Parking Lane to the Park Side (East Side) of Gregory Boulevard at Ludlow Park.

TMP has received requests from neighbors along Gregory Boulevard who live across from Ludlow Park to shift the parking lane from the west side to the east side of Gregory Boulevard. This would move the parking lane from the residents' side of the street to the park side of the street. The shift is planned for two blocks of Gregory Boulevard immediately adjacent to Ludlow Park, from Fifth Street to Alden Avenue. The Marvin Beach Association and Councilmember Jenn McMurrer have supported and advocated for this proposed change.

The benefits are as follows:

- Improved sightlines for drivers turning out onto Gregory Blvd from Roland Ave and Alden Ave.
- Improved sightlines for drivers backing out or turning out of driveways along this section of Gregory Blvd.
- Improved visibility for pedestrians crossing from Roland Ave or Alden Ave to Ludlow Park.
- Many people who park along this stretch of Gregory Blvd are destined for Ludlow Park, so placing the parking along the same side as the Park reduces unnecessary pedestrian crossings of the street.

TMP is currently developing a plan to re-stripe this section of Gregory Blvd to more safely and clearly accommodate a parking lane along the east side of the street. TMP expects to formally switch the parking regulations when the re-stripping of this section is completed.