

# Hartford Safe Streets



## November 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the Safe Streets Hartford Newsletter! Safe Streets is an interdepartmental team that works with community partners to establish and meet viable objectives and goals for reimagining and redesigning streets. The streets in Hartford must be safe for all road users regardless of transit mode, age, ability, race, or income. This newsletter will be produced bi-monthly, and will provide updates on Safe Streets efforts initiated by the City of Hartford, partner organizations, and the community.

This month's edition features:

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[@safestreetshartford](#)! We'll continue to build out our communications efforts, so please follow us and stay tuned for more.

## City of Hartford Updates



### Department of Public Works

#### **BARTHOLOMEW AVENUE**

The City of Hartford aims to keep our roads, sidewalks and rights-of-way safe for all residents and community members. In an effort to meet this goal, the City will be performing routine maintenance or construction on streets and public spaces across Hartford.

##### **CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY UNTIL 12/1**

The activities identified below may result in street disruptions, detours, and/or closures. Work hours are generally Monday to Friday, from 7AM – 4PM, and weekends as needed.

Location	Activity
Between Hamilton & Olive (VO)	Catch basin replacement, Curb reset, new lighting, new sidewalks
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★ At Belmont St Intersection	New curb bump outs, catch basin replacement, new sidewalks, new accessible ramps
★ At Rose St Intersection	New curb bump outs, new sidewalks, new accessible ramps
★ At Olive St Intersection	New curbs, catch basin replacement



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#### **Bartholomew Ave**

With new lighting, sidewalks, bumpouts, and more, stay tuned for a new and improved Bartholomew Ave, coming to you soon. Construction is underway, so check out [our post](#) to see locations and specific work activities.

#### **Coltsville**

state and federal funding. Construction is underway, so keep an eye out for new light foundations and sidewalks along Van Dyke Avenue.

### **Crosswalk and Bike Facility Striping**

Throughout the summer and fall, you may have seen newly paved roads across the City. As a follow up, crosswalks have been going in along Beacon St, Warrenton Ave, West Boulevard, and more. Bike facility striping will be going in at Woodland St, Myrtle St, Sigourney St, and so on. Striping and painting activities may lead to temporary detours, disruptions, and/or closures, so we appreciate your patience as we work to make your streets safer. If there are long term parking impacts, notice will be sent to those in the affected areas.

### **Traffic Calming**

Through CRCOG and DPH funding, traffic calming improvements are in progress in Clay Arsenal and Frog Hollow. Specifically, barriers were installed at Seyms/East and Lawrence/Grand Street. Not only will these barriers improve the safety of the area, they will also bring a splash of color and art to the neighborhood as well. Inspired by community feedback, the barriers will also be designed and painted by a local artist.



## Department of Development Services

### Complete Streets Task Force

Thank you to everyone that participated in the last Complete Streets meeting! For those of you that were unable to attend, we've posted minutes and future meeting dates to [MeetingInfo](#), where you can create an account and follow this and other City of Hartford meetings for updates.

Looking for our next meeting? Join us on **Monday, December 13 at 12 PM**, as we discuss ongoing projects, new progress, partner updates and more. The meeting link is [tinyurl.com/HartfordCSMeetings](https://tinyurl.com/HartfordCSMeetings), or if you have trouble connecting, you can join in via phone at 408-418-9388 (Access Code 2336 133 6144). Hope to see you there!

### Open Streets Hartford

Open Streets Hartford is officially a City of Hartford project! The City of Hartford, in partnership with Hartford Healthcare, is developing an open streets program that will produce vehicle-free routes on 4-6 miles of Hartford streets (learn more on our [City website](#)).

City Council's Health and Human Services Committee will also be reviewing a proposed resolution that would approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the city, Hartford Healthcare and AARP and allow us to hold Open Streets events on six Sundays between May and October. Each organization will also be committing funding to the events.

**Next Steps for Open Streets:** As part of our route planning work, our organizing committee will be reaching out to local business associations and NRZs. If you're a business or community organization that has any questions or concerns we'd love to hear from you.

for our organizing committee – a small group dedicated to implementing open streets in Hartford as well as various subcommittees which will focus on specific planning and implementation. If you'd like to learn more drop us an email at [safestreets@hartford.gov](mailto:safestreets@hartford.gov).

### **Arrowhead Gateway Small Area Plan**

In partnership with the local community, the City of Hartford is developing a redevelopment strategy for the [Arrowhead Gateway](#) area. The intention is to create a strategic master plan that responds to community needs, revives the neighborhood's historic urban fabric, and unites the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood and Downtown Hartford. Also included in this study is the exploration of the Main St / Albany Ave intersection with CT DOT.

Please join in on the conversation by attending one of two meetings on November 17th. [The flyer](#) has been included below.



## ARROWHEAD GATEWAY SMALL AREA PLAN + CORRIDOR STUDY

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please join us to learn about the Arrowhead Gateway Small Area Plan + Corridor Study and share your vision for your community!

### One day. Two events.

»» Wednesday, November 17th

#### 1 OUTDOOR OPEN HOUSE Keney Tower Park from 2PM - 4PM

Stop by anytime to learn about the project, share your ideas, and talk with the project team. If you're short on time and/or feel more comfortable in an outdoor setting, this is the event for you!

#### 2 INDOOR PRESENTATION + OPEN HOUSE Sacred Heart Church, 24 Ely Street from 6PM - 8PM

Please join us at 6PM for a brief presentation introducing the project and then stay to share your ideas and speak with the project team. Light refreshments will be provided for all participants, and there will be raffle prizes!

### What is the Arrowhead Gateway Small Area Plan + Corridor Study?

The City of Hartford is undertaking a planning initiative to develop a proactive, cohesive, and community-based strategy to guide future development in the Arrowhead Gateway study area. This Study will focus on identifying redevelopment opportunities for vacant buildings and sites, improving mobility, health, and neighborhood connectivity, expanding public space, and supporting local business owners and entrepreneurs.

Visit the project website to learn more about this project and share your ideas and vision for the study area:

[www.ArrowheadGateway.com](http://www.ArrowheadGateway.com)



## South Branch Park River Trail Extension

The South Branch Park River Trail Extension is an ongoing state-funded project, which involves the design and construction of a trail





NEWFIELD AVE.

After 2 public meetings early this season, the project is now in the preliminary design stage.

Also, a shoutout to the Public Works Parks staff, who have been maintaining the existing path.

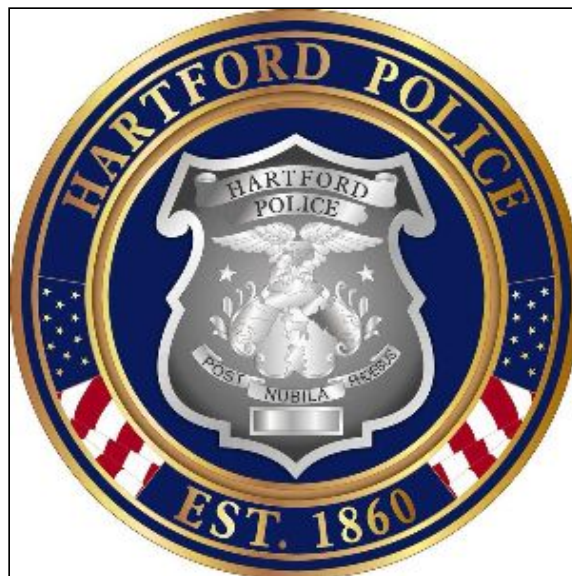


Framed by autumn colors and newly trimmed grass, you'll want to stop by to enjoy this trail.

### **Parklets**

This past summer and fall, local businesses have taken advantage of the City's outdoor parklet program and expanded their outdoor dining and retail space.

Although the parklet program is closing for the winter, we'd like to strongly encourage you to consider the parklet program next year. To learn more about the permitting process, visit the [City's website](#).



## **Hartford Police Department**

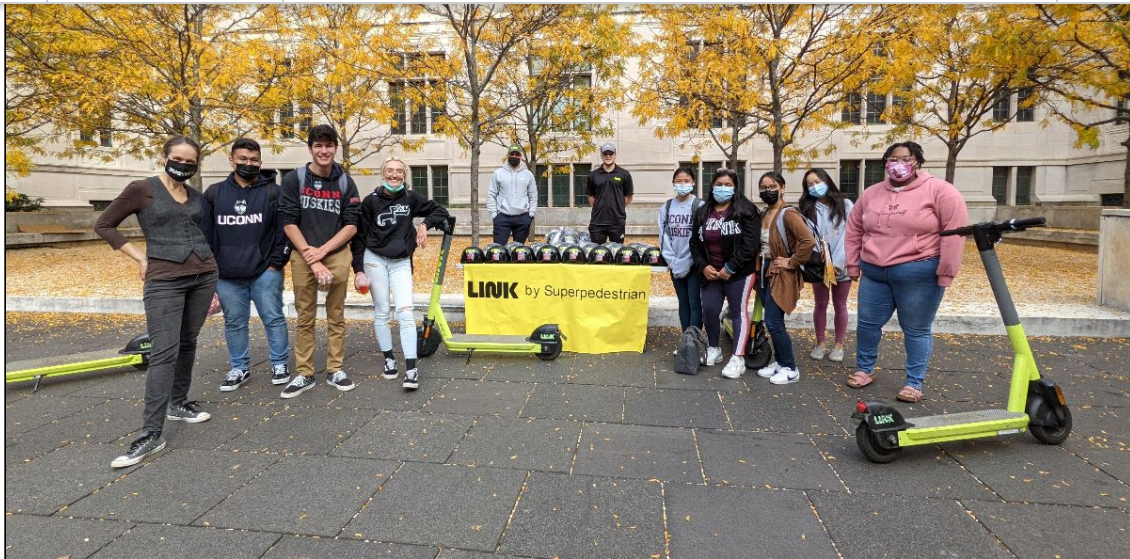
The Hartford Police Department (HPD) remains committed to removing impaired drivers from the city streets. In September 2021, HPD was recognized by MADD for having the most DUI enforcement out of any municipality in the State of Connecticut.

This year, HPD has also conducted approximately 10,456 traffic stops department wide (80% of stops from the Traffic team). Additional traffic stats are included below:

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>YTD (As of October 30, 2021)</b>
Total Traffic Stops	11,395
Infractions	7,009
Speeding	1,697
Stop Sign Violations	708
Traffic Signal Violation	669
Distracted Driving	1,787
DUI Arrests	285
Seatbelt	1,011
Other	1,137
Traffic Division Summonses	363

## **Safe Streets Partner Updates**





### Scooter Share: A Message from Superpedestrian

As the LINK scooter share system moves into the winter months, we're looking back at some of the accomplishments from the first year in Hartford. Superpedestrian - the company that owns and operates LINK - is incredibly happy with the overall success of the program.

"Hartford has been an amazing city to serve. Our ridership has been incredibly strong, and we're proud of the partnerships we've created with the Capital Region Council of Governments, the City of Hartford, and nonprofit and business partners throughout the city," says Paul Steely White, Director of Public Affairs for Superpedestrian.

Hartford riders have taken over 160,000 trips on LINK scooters since April. During the busiest weeks of summer, Superpedestrian counted thousands of rides every day, in neighborhoods all across the city. These ridership rates are among the best in the US, and rival major European cities like Rome or Vienna.

Superpedestrian values the community partners it's worked with, including sponsoring events with [Bici Co](#), the [Urban League](#), [Real](#)

operations in Hartford, Superpedestrian has hosted a number of safety training events - most recently with more than 20 students from UConn Hartford - and distributed over 100 free helmets to Hartford riders. The company has enrolled over 400 people in its [LINK-Up program](#), which offers a 70% discount for riders facing financial hardship.

This fall, and into next spring, Superpedestrian and the City are partnering to install dozens of scooter parking corrals around Hartford, creating dedicated space for LINK scooters to make it easier for riders to park safely. And, Superpedestrian is introducing a new “Slower First Ride,” where first-time riders will be speed limited while they get a feel for how the scooter operates.

“We’re going to continue to invest in the Hartford program,” says Steely White. “We’ll build on the success of the 2021 busy season and continue to deliver a flexible, affordable transportation option for Hartford residents and visitors.”

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***Have questions about scooter services?*** Reach out to Superpedestrian directly at the company’s [Hartford webpage](#). You can try out Superpedestrian’s LINK scooters by downloading the LINK app (available for Android and Apple devices).

***P.S.*** Scooter share operations will change in the coming winter months. Please stay tuned for future updates [@safestreetshartford](#) on Instagram.

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**2021 Multimodal Summit - Moving Forward: Greener, Safer, & Together** - [Register now](#) for the 4th Annual Multimodal and Transit Summit. Featuring community advocates, nonprofits, government officials, industry professionals, and more, attend one session or the full summit to learn about current and future efforts in our changing transportation world.

**November 2021 Multimodal Meetup Fri, Nov 19th, 5-7 pm** - Bike West Hartford, BiCi Co., Transport Hartford Academy, and Bike Walk Connecticut will be at WeHa Brewery and Roasting for the November [Multimodal Meetup](#). Chat with fellow residents and local leaders as they discuss how West Hartford and Hartford should better integrate their bike route and Complete Streets plans. The BiCi Co. shop will also be closing early, and for those interested in a group ride, join the team riding over together from 97 Park Street. Don't be late, because they'll be leaving the shop at 4:30 pm sharp. Bike lights and helmets required.

**Join or Share BiCi Co.'s Bikes for Jobs Program** – Great News, Bikes for Jobs has funding for the next cycle! This year, BiCi Co. has helped over 30 people receive an upcycled bicycle, lights, bike lock, and helmet for only \$20. Social workers, counselors, medical professionals, teachers, and many others can help refer those in need to this program. To join or learn more about the referral process, please visit: [bicico.org/bicycles-for-jobs-access](https://bicico.org/bicycles-for-jobs-access)

**Want more from BiCi Co. and Transport Hartford?** Sign up for their newsletter! There's plenty of fun and informative events and programming for those of all ages; check out their latest at: [https://mailchi.mp/ctprf/fall\\_riding](https://mailchi.mp/ctprf/fall_riding)

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### New Studies with CRCOG

**Bike Share Feasibility Study Update.** With the help of Foursquare ITP, CRCOG is building off of the [2014 Metro Hartford Bike Share Plan](#) to determine what a sustainable bike share system would look like and where it would be feasible. A regional bike share program would work in conjunction with current public transportation to alleviate “first-mile / last-mile” issues, especially along the CTfastrak and CTrail corridors. The study team is currently in the process of developing a Steering Committee. CRCOG anticipates having the study completed by April 2022. If you have any questions or comments, please email Mike Cipriano at [mcipriano@crcog.org](mailto:mcipriano@crcog.org).

**East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study RFQ.** [This RFQ](#) is intended to select a team that will determine the routes to close the remaining gaps of the ECG in the communities of Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford. The RFQ is open, and responses are due back November 23rd. The study is expected to begin in early 2022.

**Transit Priority Corridors Study.** Also known as [Metro Hartford Rapid Routes](#), this study is aimed at developing transit priority measures to improve the speed and reliability of transit services in major Metro Hartford corridors including Albany Avenue, Farmington Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Main Street, and Park Street in Hartford as well as Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. Following an initial round of public outreach, the study team is now developing draft alternatives for the corridors. Additional public outreach is anticipated for early 2022. If you have any questions about the study or would like to provide feedback, please email [info@metrohartfordrapidroutes.com](mailto:info@metrohartfordrapidroutes.com).



### Watch for Me CT

In recognition of **Pedestrian Safety Month** in October, Watch for Me CT has engaged in a combination of social media outreach and community programming. For more updates and details, check out their [last newsletter](#). You can also check out some of the new **Pedestrian Rules campaign**, which recently added four new videos:

- [DOT Pedestrian Safety Rules - The Squad](#)
- [DOT Pedestrian Safety Laws - The Looker](#)
- [DOT Pedestrian Safety Laws - The Waver](#)
- [DOT Pedestrian Safety Rules The Watcher](#)

**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** is on November 21st. If you'd like to help spread awareness, please check out the graphics available at: [worlddayofremembrance.org](http://worlddayofremembrance.org)

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## We Love Feedback!

Thank you for reading our newsletter! We are looking to perfect this mode of communication, so please share your comments and suggestions with us by emailing [safestreeets@hartford.gov](mailto:safestreeets@hartford.gov).

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