



March 8, 2020

Board of Finance and  
Board of Representatives  
Stamford Government Center  
888 Washington Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Stamford, CT 06901

re: Dept. of Transportation Budget

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing on behalf of the Hubbard Heights Association in support of the Department of Transportation's budget request for \$250,000 to help improve the Bike and Pedestrian infrastructure in Stamford, and more specifically on Bridge Street from Stillwater to Summer Street. This area is a main thoroughfare from North Stamford into the Ridgeway area. Improvements such as adding bike lanes on Bridge St. and making the "island" at the intersection of Bridge and Washington Blvd. safer by enhancing the crosswalks and adjusting the landscaping to create better site lines would help tremendously. There should also be a crosswalk on the south side of the intersection so that people don't have to cross to the north side of Bridge St. to get to the east side of Washington Blvd. This would be safer and would save time for pedestrians who sometimes cross Washington Blvd. to get to the island on the south side of Bridge even though there is not presently a crosswalk in that spot.

We are noticing an increase in younger families moving into our neighborhood and it is not uncommon to see them out on bikes heading over to Scalzi Park or to Ridgeway for a snack. There are also many people living along Bridge St. that walk to the Stop & Shop to do their grocery shopping. These are positive changes and things we'd like to encourage, but at present, there are safety concerns due to the traffic and lack of "complete streets".

We hope you will see the benefit of supporting the funding request of the Transportation Department.

Kind regards,

Vicki Zacharewicz  
President, Hubbard Heights Association

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Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer  
Rep. Phil Giordano, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Rep. Mavina Moore, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
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Rep. Jeff Curtis, 14<sup>th</sup> District  
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