





Westwood Traffic Calming

Policymaker Update



September 16, 2008





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- 2. Objective
- 3. Validation
- 4. Intersection Designs
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Project Objectives

- "Calm" Traffic
- Reduce Vehicle Speeds on Canton Street
- Reduce Cut-thru traffic on Canton Street
- Discourage Traffic from Westwood Station
 Boulevard from using Canton Street



Re-Cap of Project

- Collected
 - Traffic count data
 - Origin and destination data
 - Cut thru trips
 - Travel times
 - Automatic traffic counts and vehicle speeds
- Developed a validated SimTraffic model for existing conditions
- Assessed acceptability and priority of various measures
- Survey (by others)
- Initiated designs



Schedule

Data Collection

Modeling

Validation

Finalize Measures

Spring '08

Spring '08

Summer '08

September '08



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The Glatting Plan

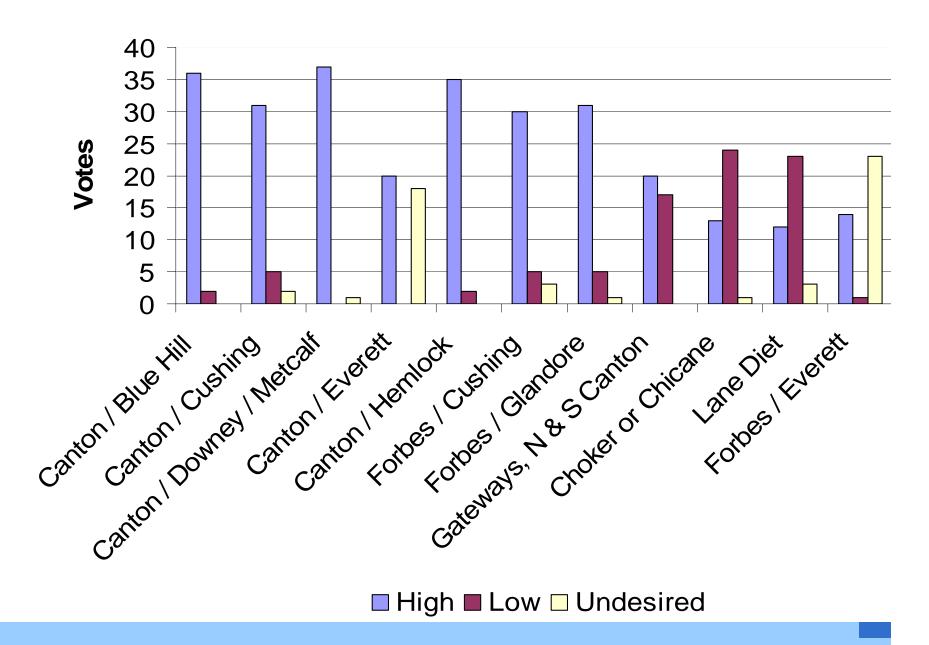


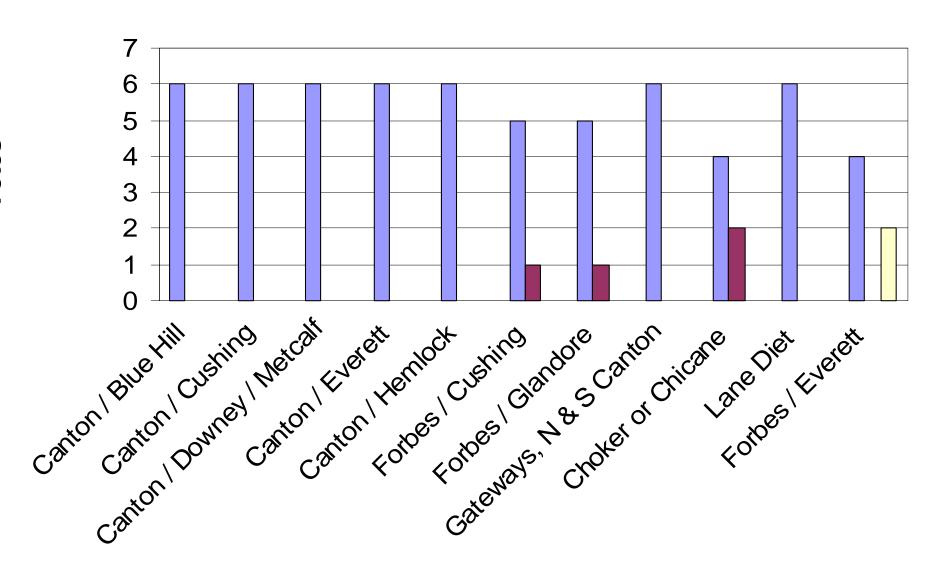


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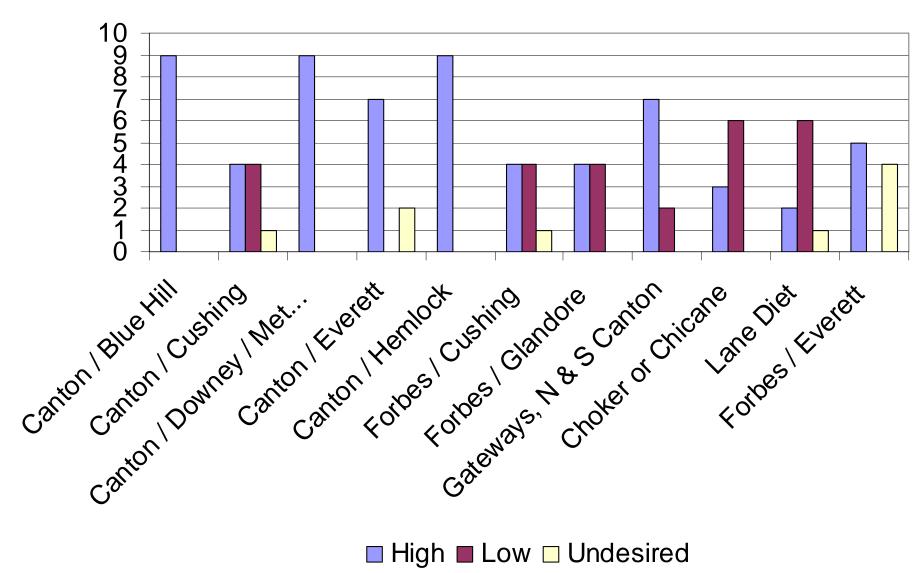
Overall Votes, by Numbers

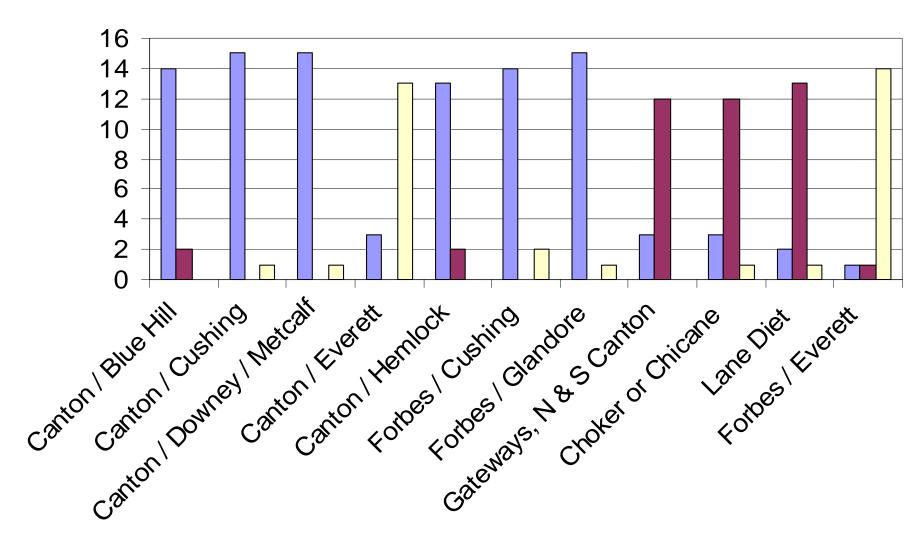




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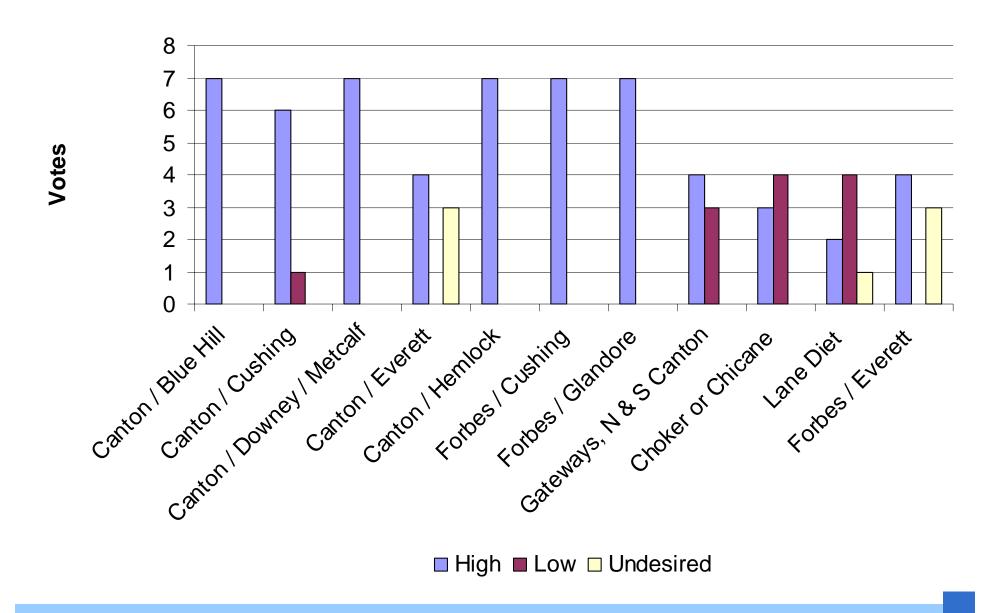
Everett Street Votes





■ High ■ Low □ Undesired

Other Streets Votes

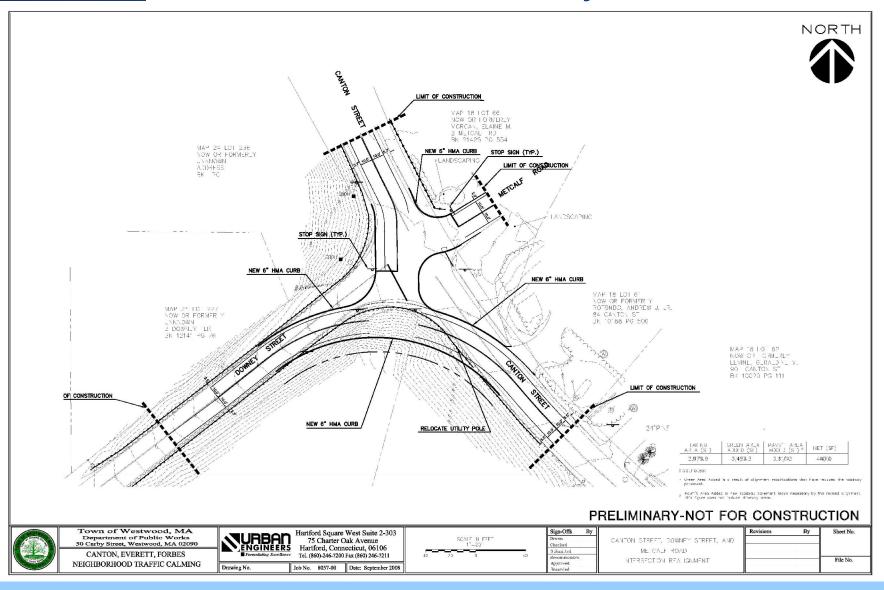




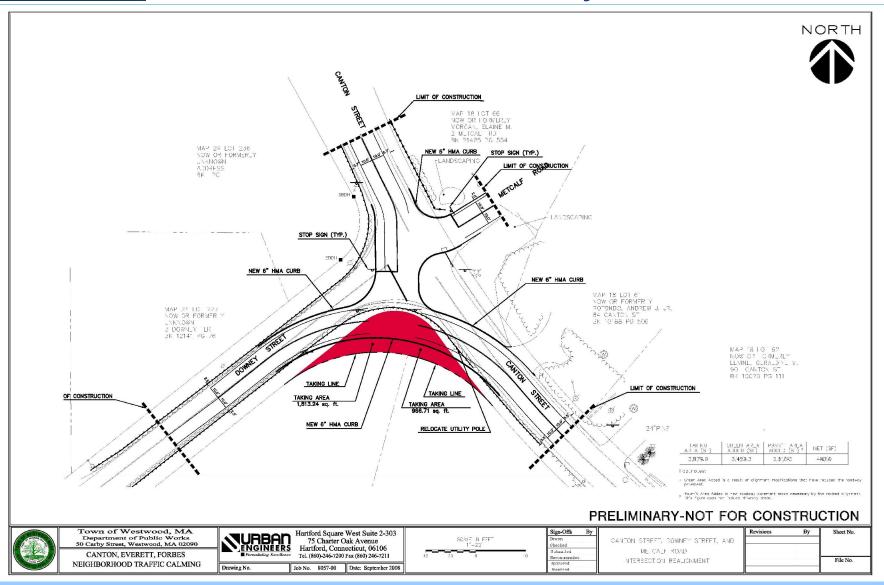
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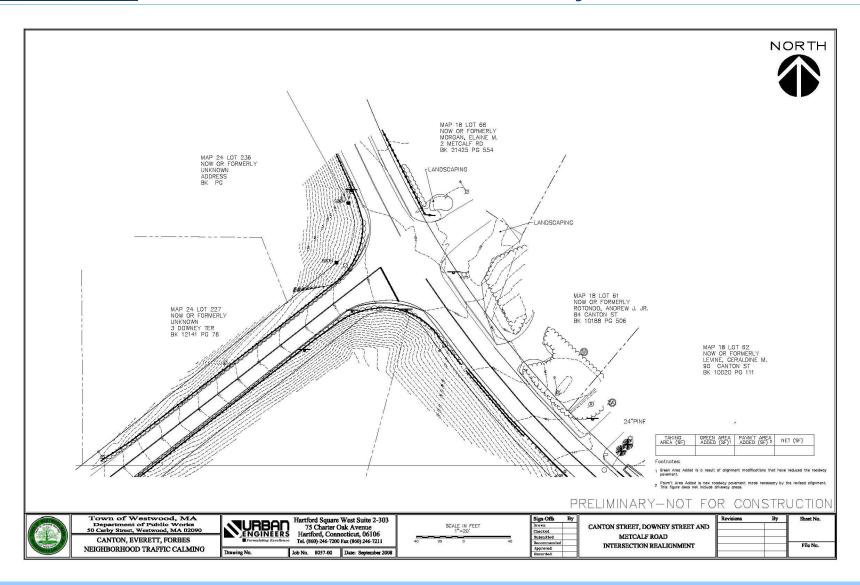




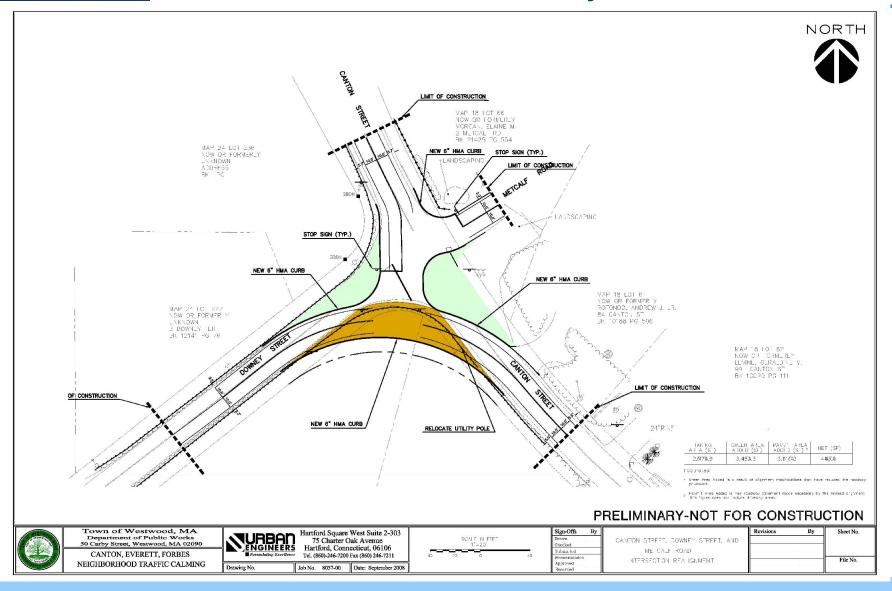




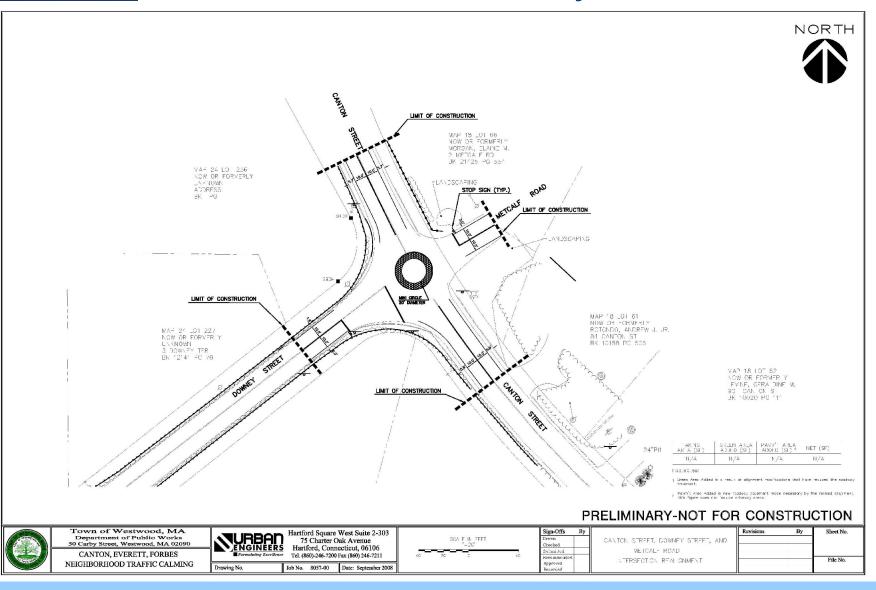




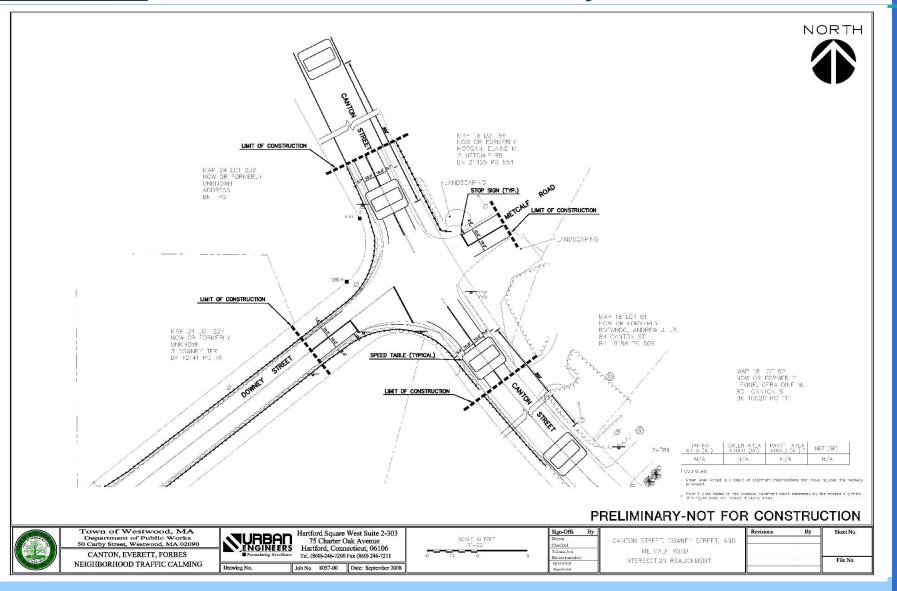






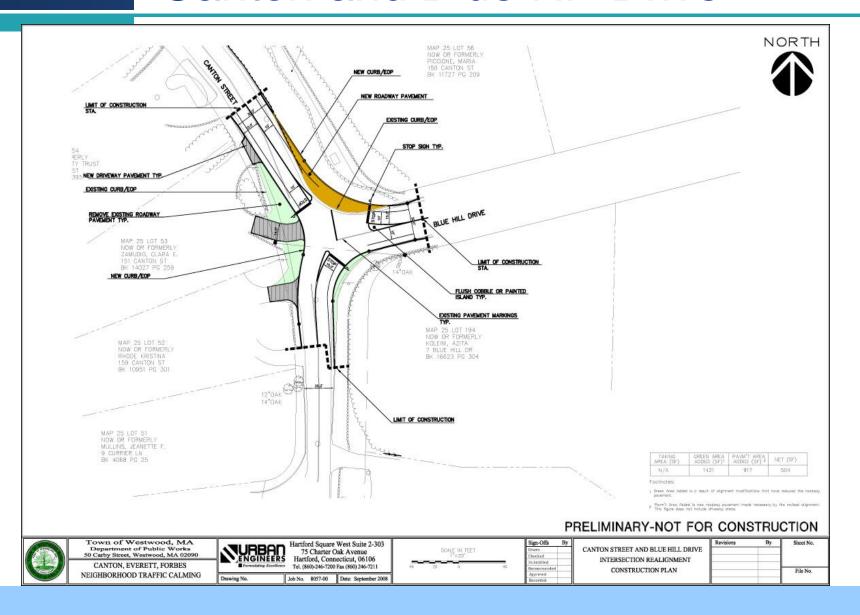






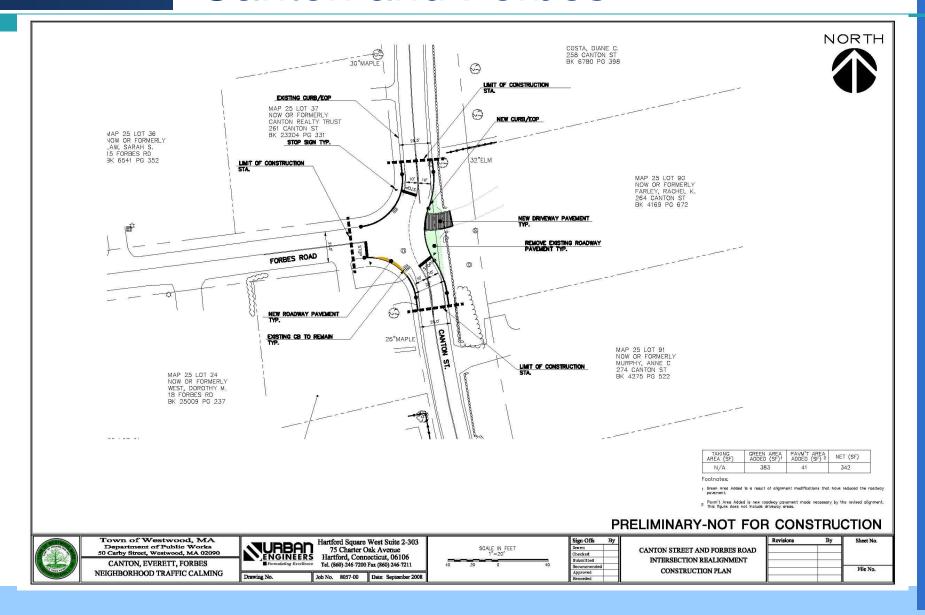


Canton and Blue Hill Drive



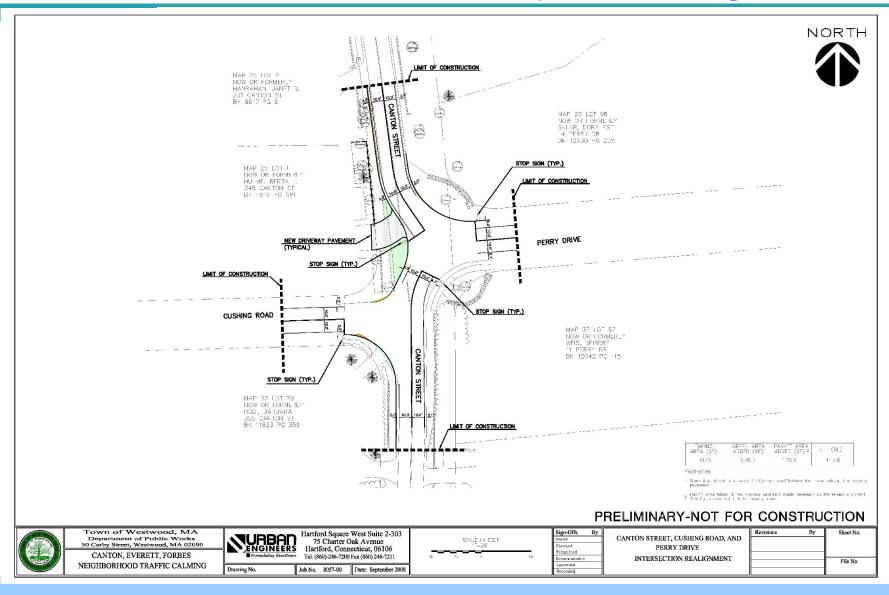


Canton and Forbes



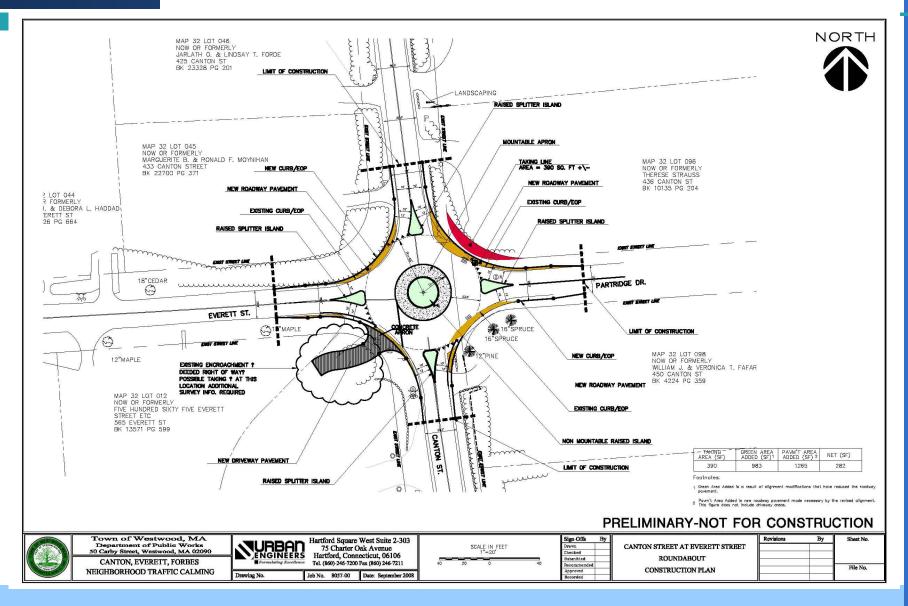


Canton and Perry/Cushing



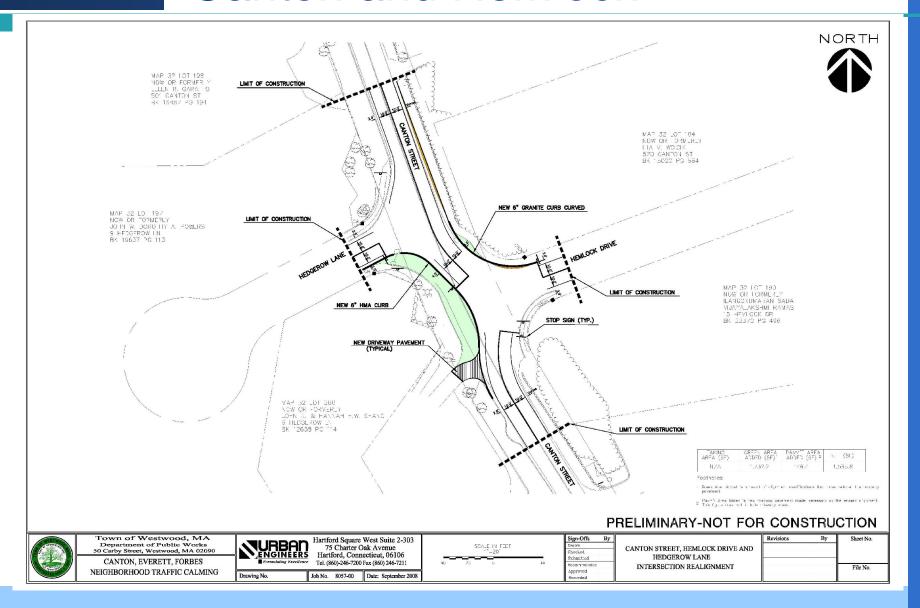


Canton and Everett



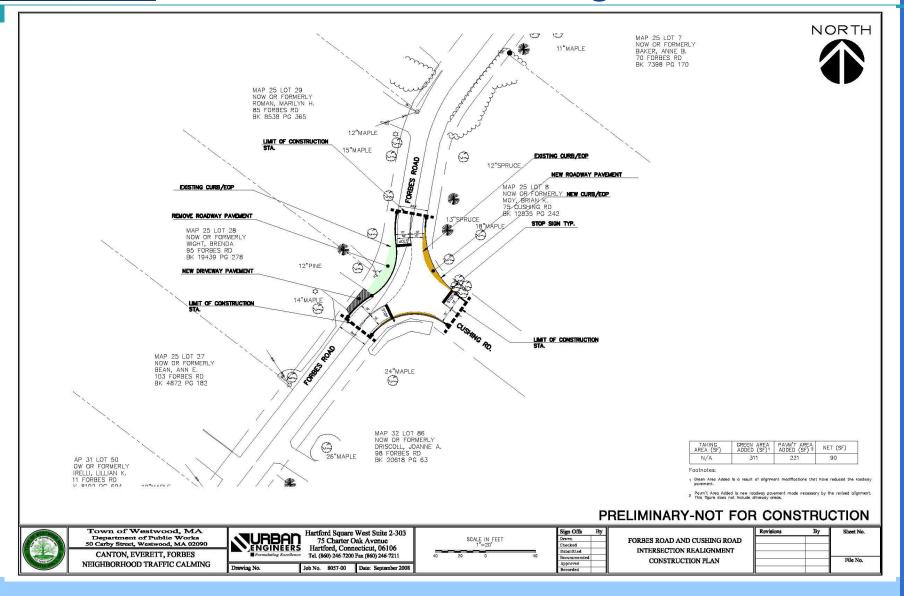


Canton and Hemlock



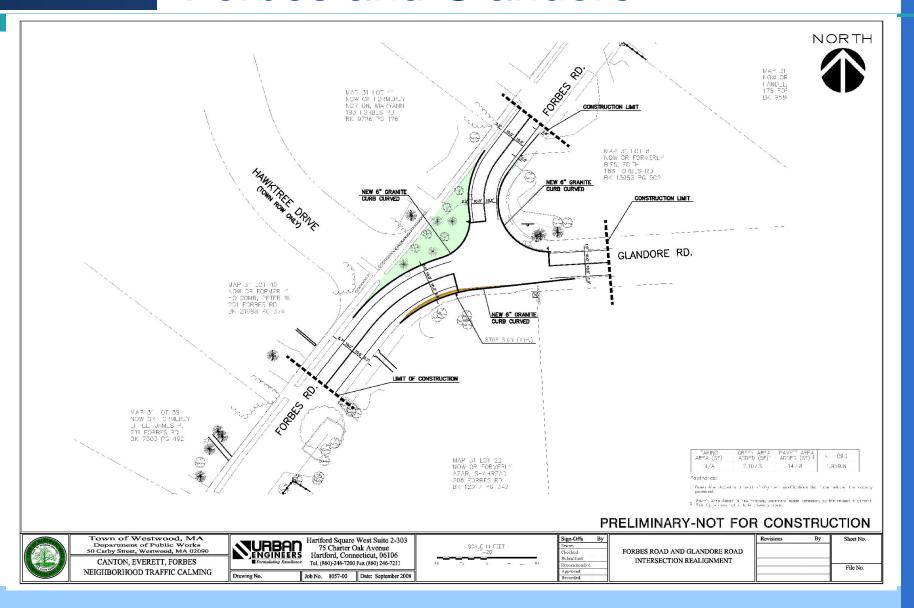


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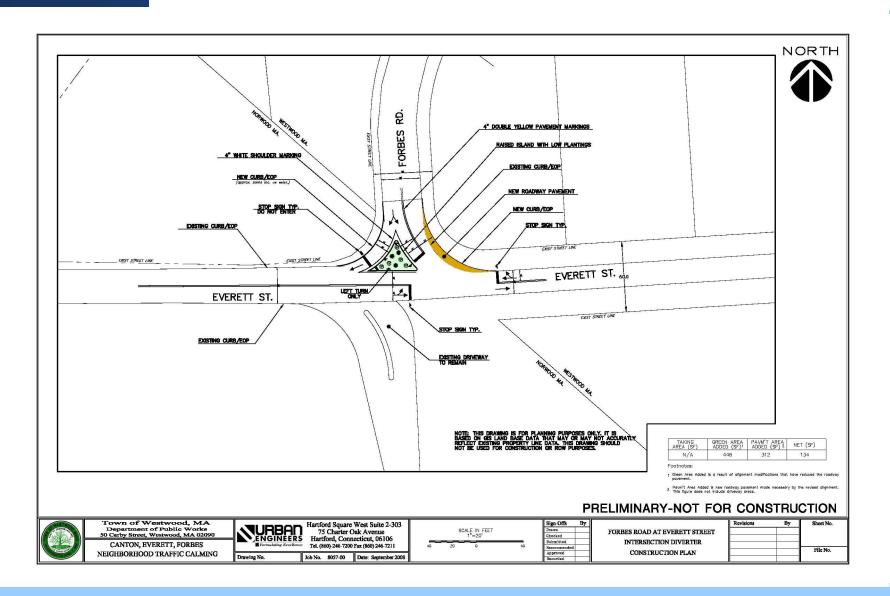


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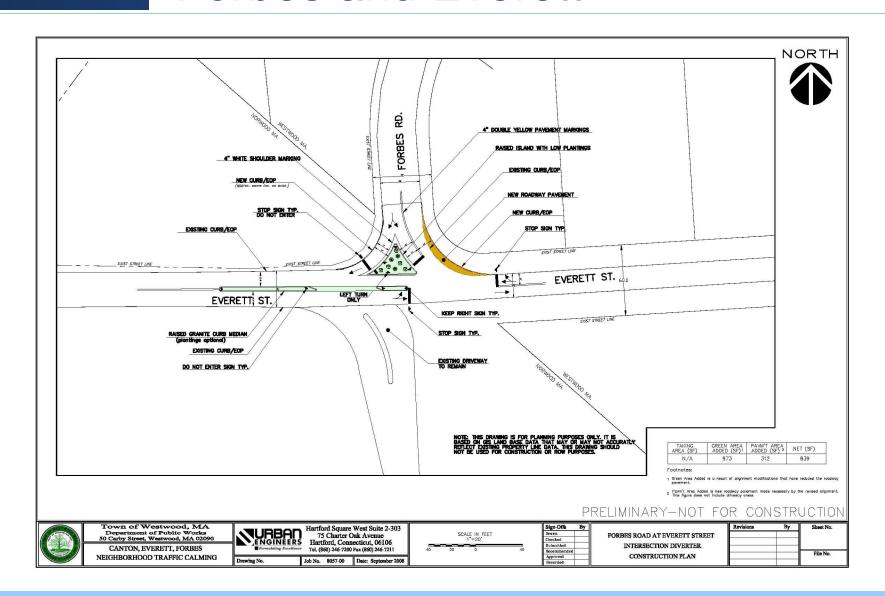


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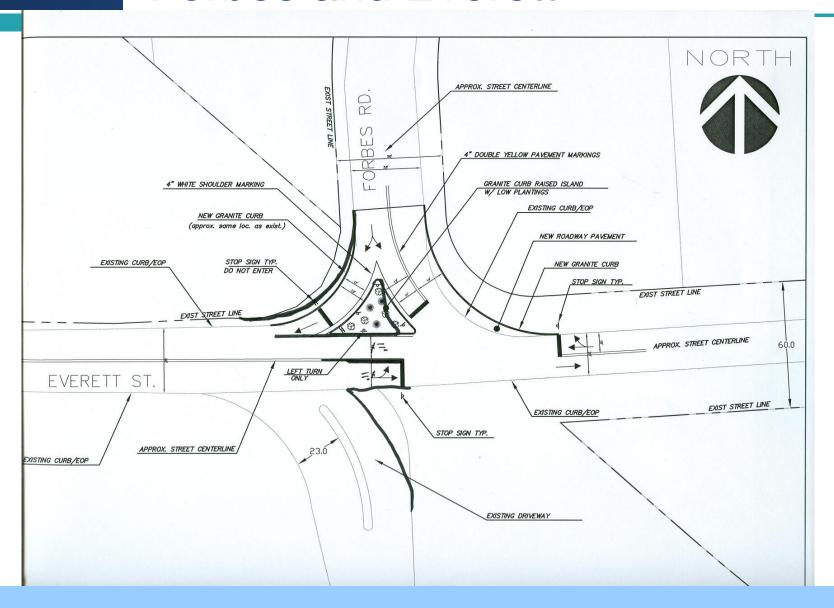


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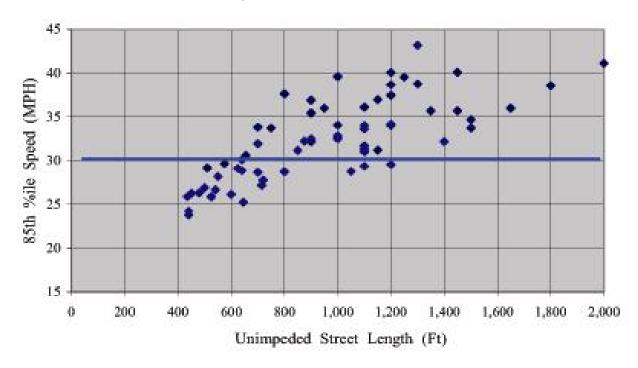
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Sanjar Slide #1

REALIGNED INTERSECTIONS:

- Reduce Speeds
- interrupt long straight sections of road
- Canton, Everett, and Forbes currently have straightaways over 2000' long
- Proposed Intersection realignments are 1,000' apart with medians in between





Sanjar's Slide #2

REALIGNED INTERSECTIONS:



Dublin, Ohio



Sanjar Slide #3

REALIGNED INTERSECTIONS:



Newton, MA



Sanjar Slide #4

MEDIAN ISLANDS:

- Provide horizontal deflection, narrow the roadway, and provide a sense of enclosure
- Average speed reduction = 3.3 mph*
- Average volume reduction = 600 vehicles/day*



ROUNDABOUTS:

- slow drivers as they approach and traverse an intersection, improve safety, and provide aesthetic benefit
- Average speed reduction = 5.7 mph*
- Average volume reduction = 280 vehicles/day*
- Typical crash reduction = 50% 90%



^{* &}quot;Survey of Neighborhood Traffic Management Performance and Results", McCourt, ITE 1998



LANE DIETS:

- reduce travel lane widths
- drivers feel less comfortable traveling at high speeds
- Approximate 10% reduction in traffic volumes**



Operational Effects of Lane and Shoulder Width on Two-Lane Highways *

33	Rec	duction in Free-Flo	w Speed (mi/h)	
Lane width (ft)	Shoulder Width (ft)			
1/2	≥0<2	≥2<4	≥4<6	≥6
9<10	6.4	4.8	3,5	2.2
≥10<11	5.3	3.7	2.4	1.1
≥11<12	4.7	3.0	1.7	0.4
≥3.6	4.2	2.6	1.3	0.0







SPEED TABLES (22ft):

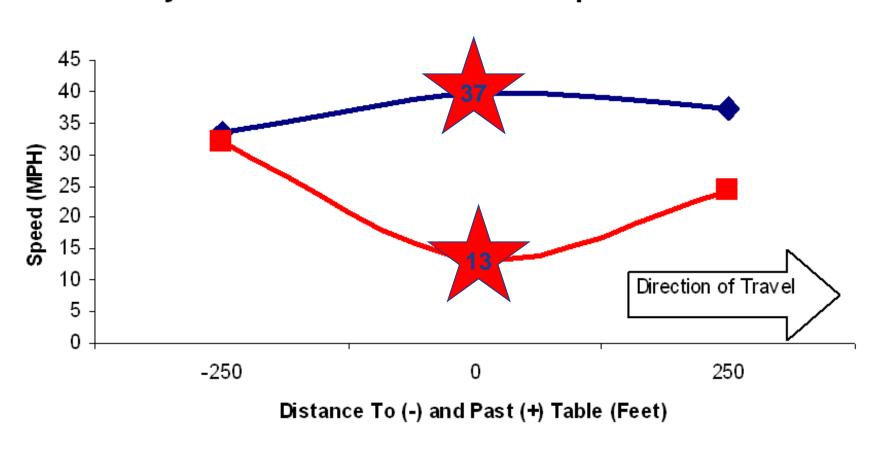
- Wider than speed humps
- Typically 22-32 feet
- Reduction of approximately 7mph (18%) in the 85% speeds*
- Reduction of approximately 12% in traffic volumes*



Hartford, CT

SPEED TABLES:

Saybrooke Street Southbound Speed Profile



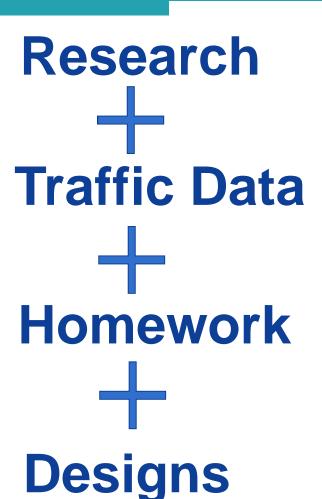
Before Speed Table ——After Speed Table

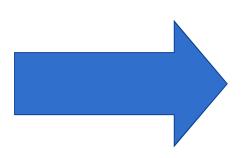


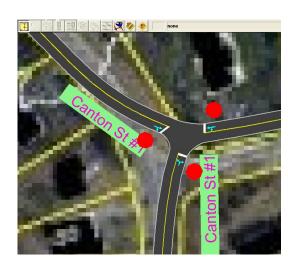
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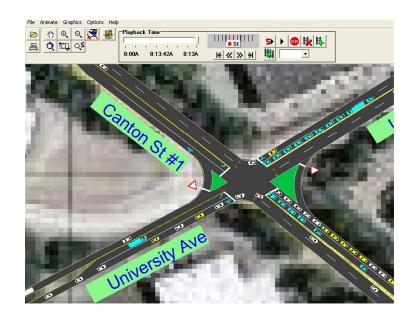


Simulation Model



What is Simulation Modeling?







And how does it help us?



 2015 Volumes (Corresponds to major completion of the Westwood Station development)

Examined the Proposed Traffic Calming Devices in 2







Levels of Improvements on Canton Street

	Locations	Proposed Treatment
Level 1	Canton Street at Blue Hill Drive	Realigned Intersection
	Canton Street at Cushing Rd/Perry Dr	Realigned Intersection
	Canton Street at Downey St/Metcalf Rd	Speed Tables
	Canton Street at Hemlock Dr	Realigned Intersection
	Canton Street at Forbes Road	Realigned Intersection
	Canton Street at Everett Street	Roundabout
Level 2	Midblock - 8 Locations	Medians
	Canton St	Lane Diets



AM Northbound Analysis Results

Travel Time (seconds)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2
WWSB – Everett	76	99 (+30%)	109 (+43%)
Everett – Forbes	43	75 (+74%)	77 (+79%)
Forbes – Rotary	70	84 (+20%)	92 (+31%)
Total	189	258 (+37%)	278 (+47%)

Average Speed (mph)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2	
WWSB – Everett	33	25 (-23%)	23 (-30%)	
Everett – Forbes	33	19 (-43%)	19 (-44%)	
Forbes – Rotary	36	30 (-17%)	27 (-24%)	
Total	34	25 (-27%)	23 (-32%)	



PM Northbound Analysis Results

Travel Time (seconds)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2
WWSB – Everett	77	96 (+25%)	107 (+39%)
Everett – Forbes	42	70 (+67%)	74 (+76%)
Forbes – Rotary	67	80 (+19%)	89 (+33%)
Total	186	246 (+32%)	270 (+45%)

Average Speed (mph)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2
WWSB – Everett	33	26 (-20%)	24 (-28%)
Everett – Forbes	34	21 (-40%)	19 (-43%)
Forbes – Rotary	38	32 (-16%)	28 (-25%)
Total	35	26 (-24%)	24 (-31%)



AM Southbound Analysis Results

Travel Time (seconds)	Without Traffic Calming		
Rotary – Forbes	65	87 (+33%)	95 (+46%)
Forbes – Everett	42	58 (+38%)	63 (+50%)
Everett – WWSB	79	93 (+18%)	104 (+32%)
Total	186	238 (+28%)	262 (+41%)

Average Speed (mph)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2
Rotary – Forbes	39	29 (-25%)	27 (-31%)
Forbes – Everett	34	25 (-28%)	23 (-23%)
Everett – WWSB	32	27 (-15%)	24 (-24%)
Total	35	27 (-22%)	25 (-29%)



PM Southbound Analysis Results

Travel Time (seconds)	Without Traffic Calming	Level 1	Level 1+2
Rotary – Forbes	70	99 (+41%)	108 (+54%)
Forbes – Everett	44	61 (+39%)	65 (+48%)
Everett – WWSB	90	105 (+17%)	118 (+31%)
Total	204	265 (+30%)	291 (+41%)

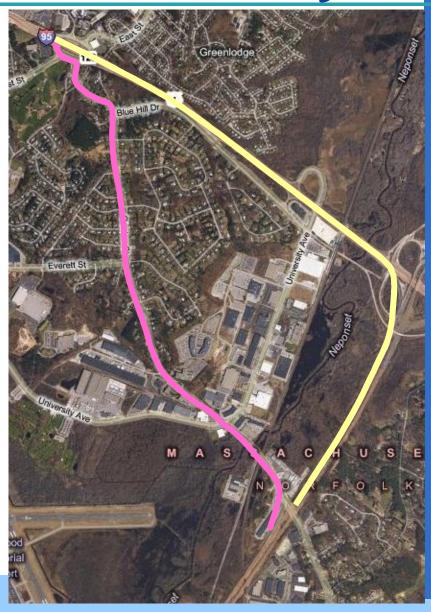
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Forbes – Everett	33	24 (-28%)	22 (-32%)
Everett – WWSB	28	24 (-14%)	21 (-24%)
Total	32	24 (-23%)	22 (-30%)



Traffic Analysis Summary

Summary

- Average Canton Street speeds decrease by 22% to 32% (32-35mph to 22-27mph)
- Canton Street travel times increase by 28% to 47% (1-1½ minutes)





Potential Volume Reduction

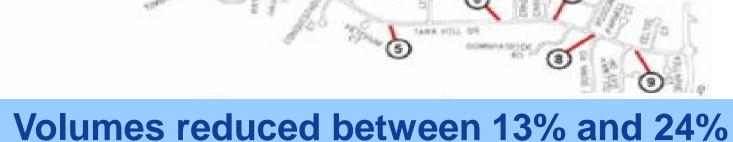
	Traffic Control Devices	Potential Volume Reduction
	Realigned Intersection	?
Level 1	Speed Tables	12%
Level	Roundabout	5-6%
	Total	17%
	Medians	10% (similar to lane narrowing)
Level 2	Lane Diets	10%
	Total	20%



Potential Volume Reduction

Tara Hill Drive, Dublin, Ohio

http://www.dublin.oh.us/engineering/tarahill/tarahill.php







Potential Volume Reduction

Canton Street, Westwood, Massachusetts

	2015 (No TC)	13% (Ohio- Iow)	17% (Level 1)	20% (Level 2)	24% (Ohio- Hi)	37% (Level 1+2)
AM Peak	910	-118	-155	-182	-218	-337
PM Peak	1070	-139	-182	-214	-257	-396
Daily (2008)	8126	-1056	-1381	-1625	-1950	-3006

Potential Volume Reduction between 13% and 37%



Additional Measures

Reflectorized Sign Posts







Pace Car Program

Keep Kids Safe

As drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians of the Town of Greenwich it is our responsibility to share the road.

The Greenwich Pace Car Pledge is a citizen-based traffic calming initiative of cars calming other cars. It is a promise to set the "pace" for other drivers and a reminder to share the road and take responsibility for safer streets and neighborhoods.

The NTCP Pace Car Program needs people who:

- · Drive the speed limit;
- Are not afraid to put a Pace Car Sticker on their car:
- Set a good example of what a courteous driver is and not purposely anger or punish other drivers;
- Are willing to show they care about neighborhoods;
- · Are willing to be part of the solution;
- Know that each individual is responsible for their driving habits.

Become a Pace Car Driver and learn how to make positive traffic changes!



Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Town of Greenwich, CT 101 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830

WELCOME

to the Greenwich Pace Car Program



Take the Pledge

and become a Greenwich Pace Car Driver today!

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my car really make a difference?

Yes. We only need a small percentage of vehicles acting as Pace Cars to slow traffic town wide. This starts a positive cycle. People feel more comfortable walking or cycling, which reduces traffic levels, making streets even safer, meaning even more people can walk or cycle.

Does the Pace Car provoke road rage?

No. Many people who sign up for the Pace Car Program have already been acting as unofficial Pace Cars. The Pace Car sticker credentials your car, explaining to following motorists that there is a reason for your courtesy and safe driving speed.

What happens if I accidentally speed?

Take a breath and slow down. The Pace Car pledge is a declaration of intent, not a legally binding contract. Kicking the speeding habit can be hard work. Allow yourself more time to get places so you won't be so tempted to speed.

Do I only act as a Pace Car in my neighborhood or on all streets?

On all town streets. The Pace Car is a kind of treaty between neighborhoods: you respect the quality of life in our neighborhood and we will do the same for you. The Pace Car promotes a new civility and mutual respect on our streets.

Pace Car Registration Form Town of Greenwich, CT



Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	-
-1800WW	

Greenwich Pace Car Pledge

I want to be part of the solution to Town of Greenwich's traffic problem. I recognize that my driving affects the safety and livability of other people's neighborhoods, just as other people's driving affects my neighborhood.

I hereby pledge to:

- Drive within the speed limit and obey all traffic regulations:
- Share the road safely with pedestrians, bicyclists and other drivers;
- Stop for all school buses and be extra cautious near schools and children;
- Walk, bike, bus or share a ride when possible to help reduce traffic;
- Display my PACE CAR sticker and encourage others to take the pledge.

Signed Dated



Please return this form to: NTCP Dept. of Public Works, 101 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830



Lawn Sign Program





Radar Speed Signs









Level 1 Measures

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Forbes Road and Everett Street	Median/Channelized Intersection
Forbes Road and Glandore Road	Realigned Intersection



Results



Do you approve the level 1 measures (shown on the previous chart) and also some measure on Everett Street?

"**Yes**" votes: 29

"No" votes:

Note: Committee members also expressed a desire for speed tables on Everett Street



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