

WEST HARTFORD'S SPEED MANAGEMENT CAMERA PROGRAM

**Public Meeting #1
July 30, 2025**

Attendees: Please Sign In

INTRODUCTION

- **Town Manager Remarks**
 - Richard Ledwith
 - Project Study Background
- **Town Staff Remarks**
 - Parker Sorenson
 - Speed Management Efforts
- **Consultant Team Presentation**



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SPEED MANAGEMENT CAMERAS

WEST HARTFORD SPEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Town of West Hartford has received a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund an 18-month Speed Management Pilot Program. The goal of the program is to reduce speeding related traffic crashes and reduce dangerous speeding at high-risk areas.

As part of this initiative, the West Hartford Town Council has approved an ordinance allowing the use of automated traffic enforcement cameras, including speed and red-light cameras. The grant funding will allow the Town to develop an Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) Plan, along with the necessary documentation to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for implementing the program.

This pilot will include approximately 15 active speed safety camera locations throughout West Hartford. The candidate locations will be selected based on crash data available from the CT Crash Data Repository, traffic volumes, the [Vision Zero Focus Areas](#), police data and other factors. Before speed safety cameras can be installed, the locations must be approved by the West Hartford Town Council, the Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA), with supporting materials indicating the locations meet OSTA ATESD guidelines.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute § 14-307c(d), any revenue from citations will be reinvested to enhance traffic safety across the Town.

Public Engagement is a critical part of developing the Speed Management Plan to identify candidate locations and install speed safety cameras. Two public information meetings are scheduled to be held along with engaging the Vision Zero Advisory Committee, the Town Council, and the Community Planning Economic Development Committee (CPED). Details about the scheduled July and September public meetings can be found below.

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SPEED CAMERAS AS A VISION ZERO STRATEGY

- High vehicle speeds can create dangerous conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers leading to serious and fatal injuries.
- West Hartford embraces the principle that traffic deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable and preventable.
- A Speed Management Camera Program supports the Town's Vision Zero Plan:
 - Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices are proven tools that encourage safer driver behavior
 - Up to a 40% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes.
 - (Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - NHTSA)
 - A significant decrease in excessive speeding.

AGENDA

- Agenda
- NEPA & Title VI
- Program Overview
- Methodology
- Initial Locations
- Next Steps
- Q&A

**West Hartford's
Speed Management
Program**

Public Meeting #1

You're invited to discuss potential locations for speed cameras
to improve safety and reduce speeding in West Hartford!

**West Hartford Town
Hall Auditorium**

**July 30, 2025
6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Scan here to learn about the project!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please
email VisionZero@WestHartfordCT.gov with any
questions you may have.

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NEPA & TITLE VI

Notice to the Public: Your Rights Under Title VI

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town of West Hartford ensures that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Civil Rights Information: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/equity/title-vi>

NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Review and Environmental Considerations

This project is expected to qualify for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under NEPA, meaning no significant environmental impacts are anticipated. Public feedback will help identify any additional concerns for evaluation.

Public Comment and Feedback

Comments received during and after this meeting will be documented and reviewed as part of the decision-making process. Email feedback to: visionzero@westhartfordct.gov

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What is an Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD)?

- House Bill 5917, signed into law in June 2023, authorized the use of both speed and red-light cameras.
- Can only be installed in four types of locations:
 1. Traffic signals for red light running
 2. School zones for speeding
 3. Pedestrian Safety Zones for Speeding
 4. Other locations for speeding
- Devices that record violations of speeding or running red lights.
- Images capture license plate, date, time and location of violations.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Speed Management Cameras

- West Hartford received a Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to support an 18-month Speed Management Pilot Program for approximately 15 locations.
- Topic of today's Public Meeting.

Red-Light Cameras

- West Hartford subsequently received a second Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant which will support an 18-month pilot program of automated red-light enforcement.
- Grant is pending final agreement. Red-light cameras will be subject to separate public meetings at a future date.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Requirements for Implementation

- Town Ordinance (Adopted 4/8/2025)
- ATESD Plan
 - Public Hearing (Town Council Meeting / Anticipated September 2025)
 - Approval from Town Council by vote
 - Review and approval by CT Department of Transportation Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documentation (Federal Grant Requirement)

ADOPTED WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE

- The Town Council approved an ordinance allowing the use of Automatic Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) on April 8, 2025 consistent with requirements of State Law (Town Code: Chapter 168 Article VII; C.G.S.14-307). This ordinance permits the use of both speed management cameras and red-light cameras.

Violations Covered Under the Ordinance (168-40):

- Exceeds the posted speed limit by 10 mph or more.
- Fails to stop at a steady red traffic signal.
- Violations are municipal citations issued to the owner of the motor vehicle, not the driver (similar to parking tickets)
- Per State Law, citations are not a moving violation and is not reflected on any driving record

ADOPTED WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE

Review Process (168-41)

- A WHPD sworn officer or authorized town employee will review and approve recorded images before issuing citations.

Fines (168-42)

- \$50 for the first violation and \$75 for each subsequent violation within 1-year.
- A 30-day warning period will be in place before fines are issued for each camera location
- Online payment option is available with a processing fee not to exceed \$15.

Right to Appeal (168-43)

- Vehicle owners may appeal the fine within 10 days.

ADOPTED WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE

Use of Funds (168-42)

- As required by State Law, funds collected from fines will be invested directly back into the West Hartford community by supporting:
 - Transportation safety and mobility improvements
 - Infrastructure enhancements
 - Costs associated with automated enforcement programs

Vendor Payment (C.G.S. 14-307c (b))

- **Vendor fees for installation, operation, or maintenance of ATESD cannot be contingent on the number of citations issued or fines paid.**

ADOPTED WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE

Privacy (168-45)

- No personal identifiable information shall be disclosed by the Town except where disclosure is made in connection with the charging, collection, and enforcement of the fines.
- No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained by the Town or camera vendor unless the information is necessary for the charging, collection, and enforcement of the fines.
- The Town or vendor shall destroy any retained portion of personally identifiable information not later than one year after the date of such person's most recent violation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Reporting Requirements

- State Law and SS4A Grant Agreement both require reporting to measure effectiveness of ATESDs:
 - Number of violations
 - Crash data at ATESD site and at similar location without ATESD
 - Number of hearings requested and results of hearings
 - Amount of Revenue from fines and fees
 - Percentage of fines collected from residents and non-residents
 - Cost to municipality to use an ATESD
 - List of engineering and educational measures undertaken by municipality to improve safety

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- State Law requires signs at ATESD locations
- Town required to notify navigation applications (Google Maps, Waze, Apple Maps etc.)
- Town required to implement awareness campaign 30 days prior to camera operation



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Use of ATESDs Beyond 18-month Pilot Program

- It is expected that ATESD vendor contract will include option to extend speed management cameras by an additional 18-month term for a total of three-years if safety is improved.
- Per State Law (14-307e), an ATESD Plan is only valid for three years (from date the first ATESD device becomes operational). Continuing program beyond three years will require renewal of ATESD Plan with a new public hearing and approval by Town Council.

CONSULTANT PRESENTATION TEAM

VN Engineers – Consultant Team

- Kevin Ortiz, EIT

VHB – Prime Consultant

- Joe Balskus, P.E., PTOE, RSP1,
- Director of Transportation Systems, Wethersfield
- West Hartford Projects
 - North Main Street Road Diet Phase II
 - New Park Avenue Complete Streets

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Change Driver Behavior: Reduce Speeding and Speeding Related Crashes

- Study the Town Roadways for Potential Locations to install ATESD to manage speeds

PILOT PROGRAM

- Town Engaged VHB/VN Team to Develop Plan for Pilot Program.
- Study Commenced May 2025

PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK

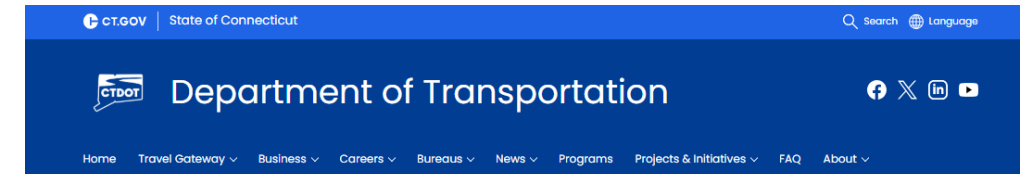
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Public Information Meetings (2)

Finalize Locations

OSTA ATESD Review/Approval

NEPA – Funding Required Process



Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program



Red-light and Speed Safety Camera Guidelines for Connecticut Municipalities

The purpose of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Program is to empower Connecticut municipalities to improve roadway and pedestrian safety within their communities. ATESD capture images of drivers committing traffic violations, such as speeding and running through red lights. The objective of this program is to improve public safety, change driver behavior, and save lives. Click the buttons below to learn more about this municipal program.

[Frequently Asked Questions >](#)

[Helpful Resources for Municipalities >](#)

[Program Overview >](#)

[Submitted Plans >](#)

APPROVED ATESD PLANS

Municipal Plans Approved:

- Washington, CT – December 8, 2024
- Marlborough, CT – May 16, 2025
- Middletown, CT – May 23, 2025
- Greenwich, CT – July 7, 2025
- Wethersfield, CT – July 15, 2025

Plans Under Review:

- Hamden, Milford, New Haven, Stamford & Stratford

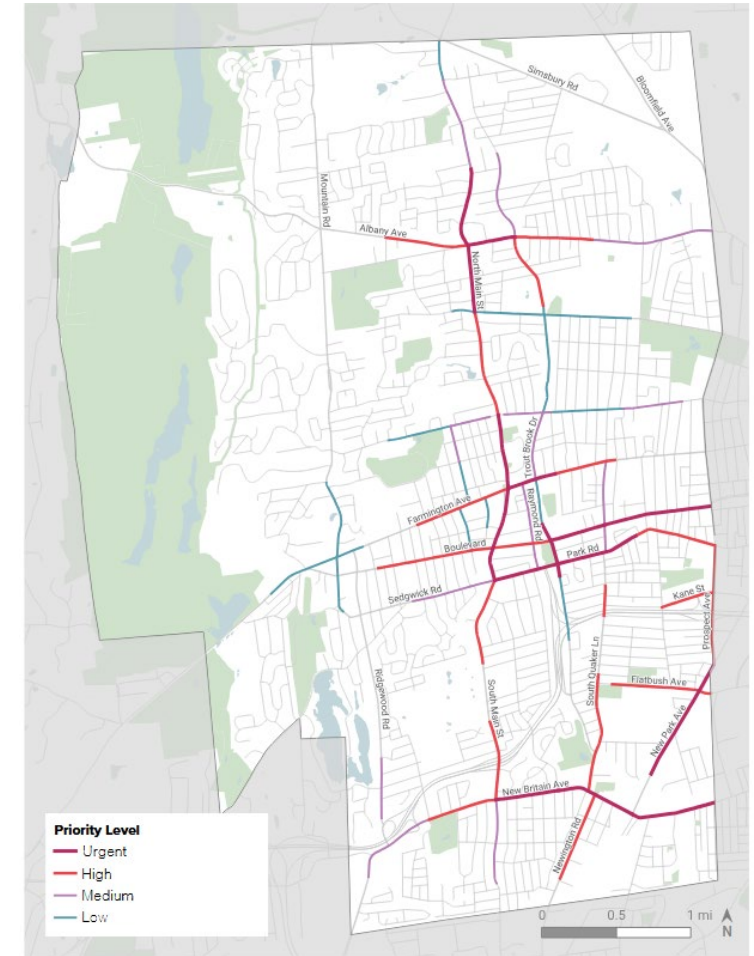
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Completed Tasks

- Public Information Plan – Submitted
- Initial Location Screening – Completed
- Vision Zero Advisory Committee Meeting – Completed
- Public Information Meeting #1 – Completed
 - Your feedback is important!

Ongoing Work

- Initial location selection
- Additional Screening
- Public engagement



Vision Zero Focus Area Streets

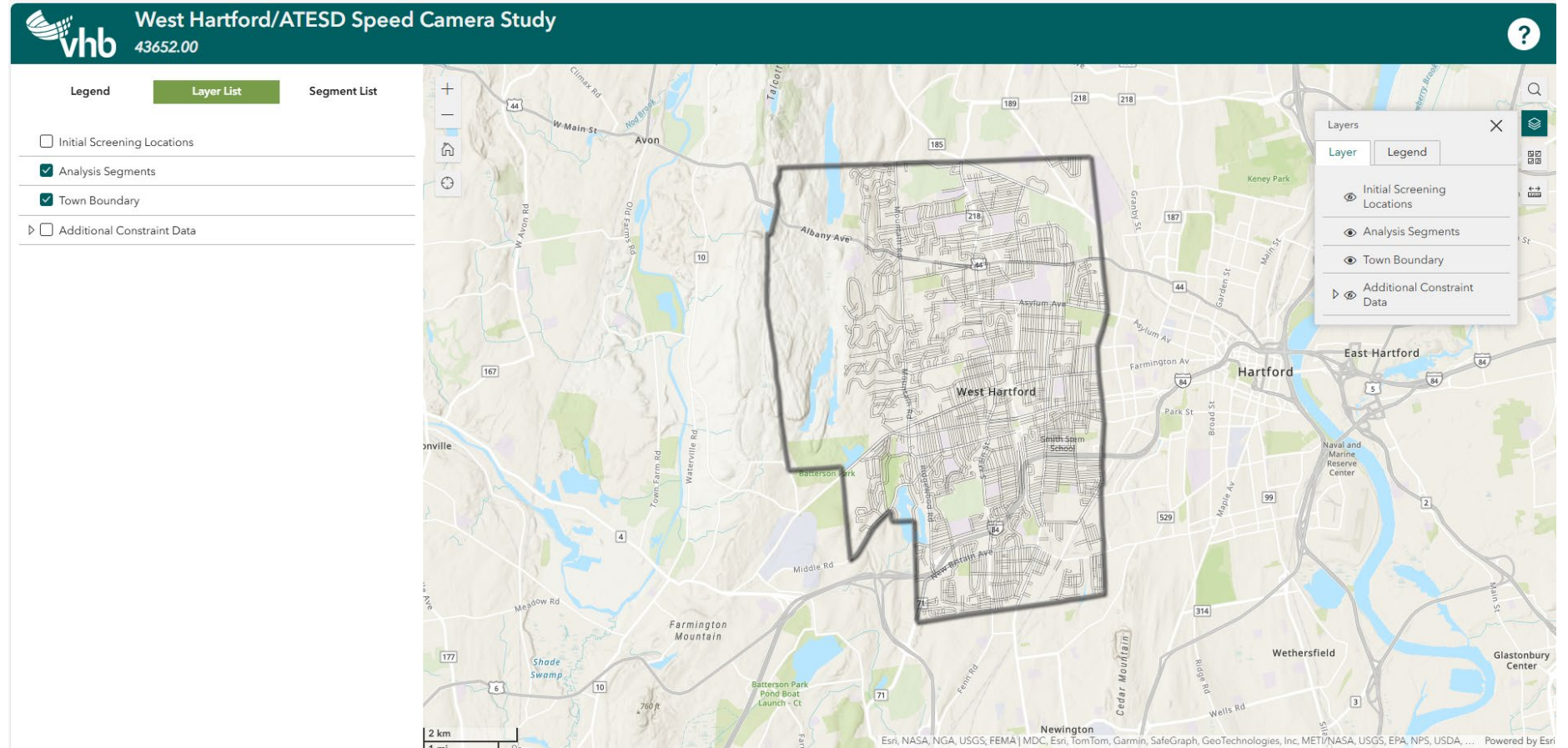
SCREENING

GIS Application

- Geographic Information System
- Mapping
- Data

Every Street/Road Segment

- Screening Process
- Applied to Every Segment

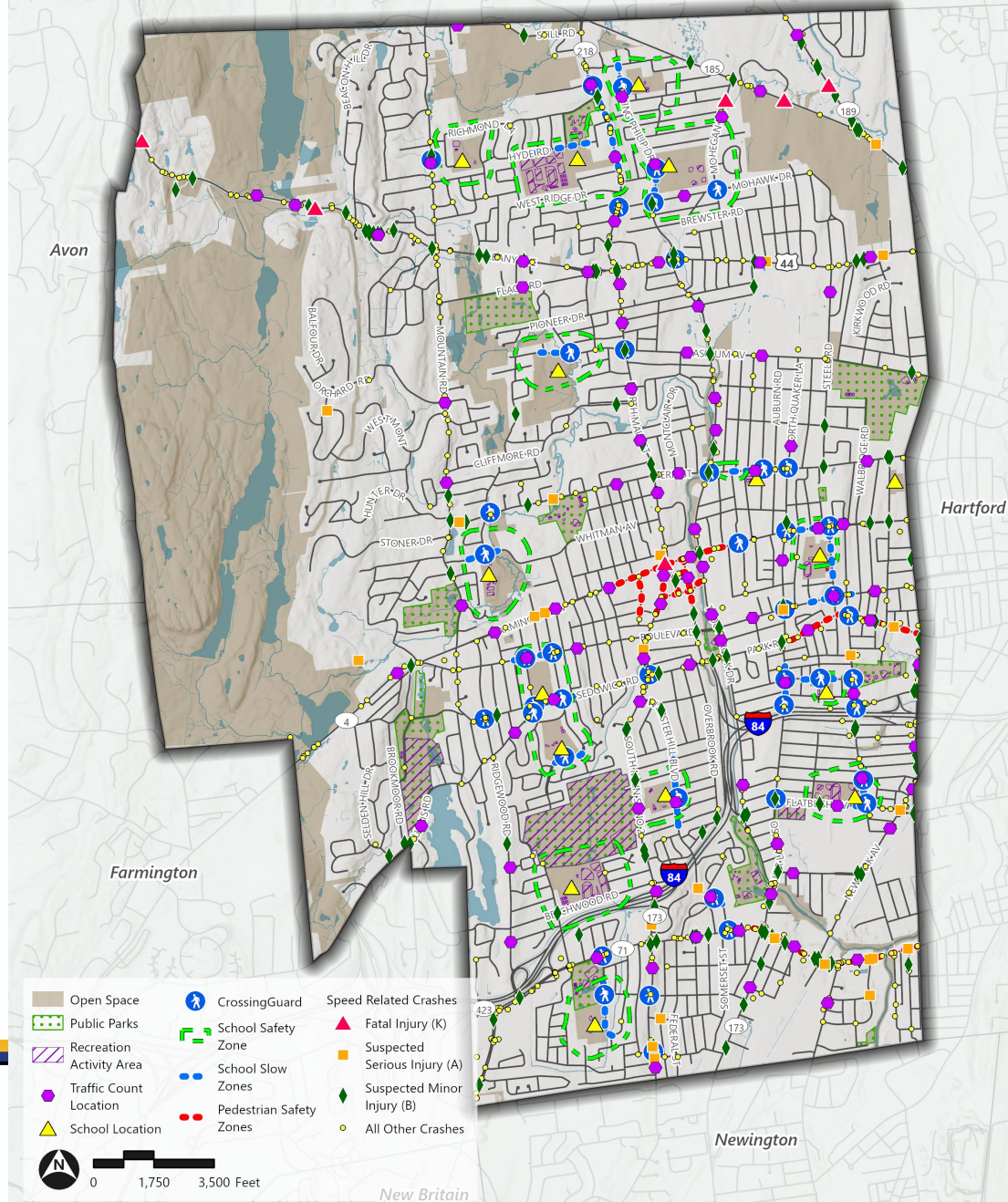


SCREENING

Factors Considered

- Speed Crashes
- Volumes
- Speeds
- VRU's
- Mapped Locations

All Screening Data



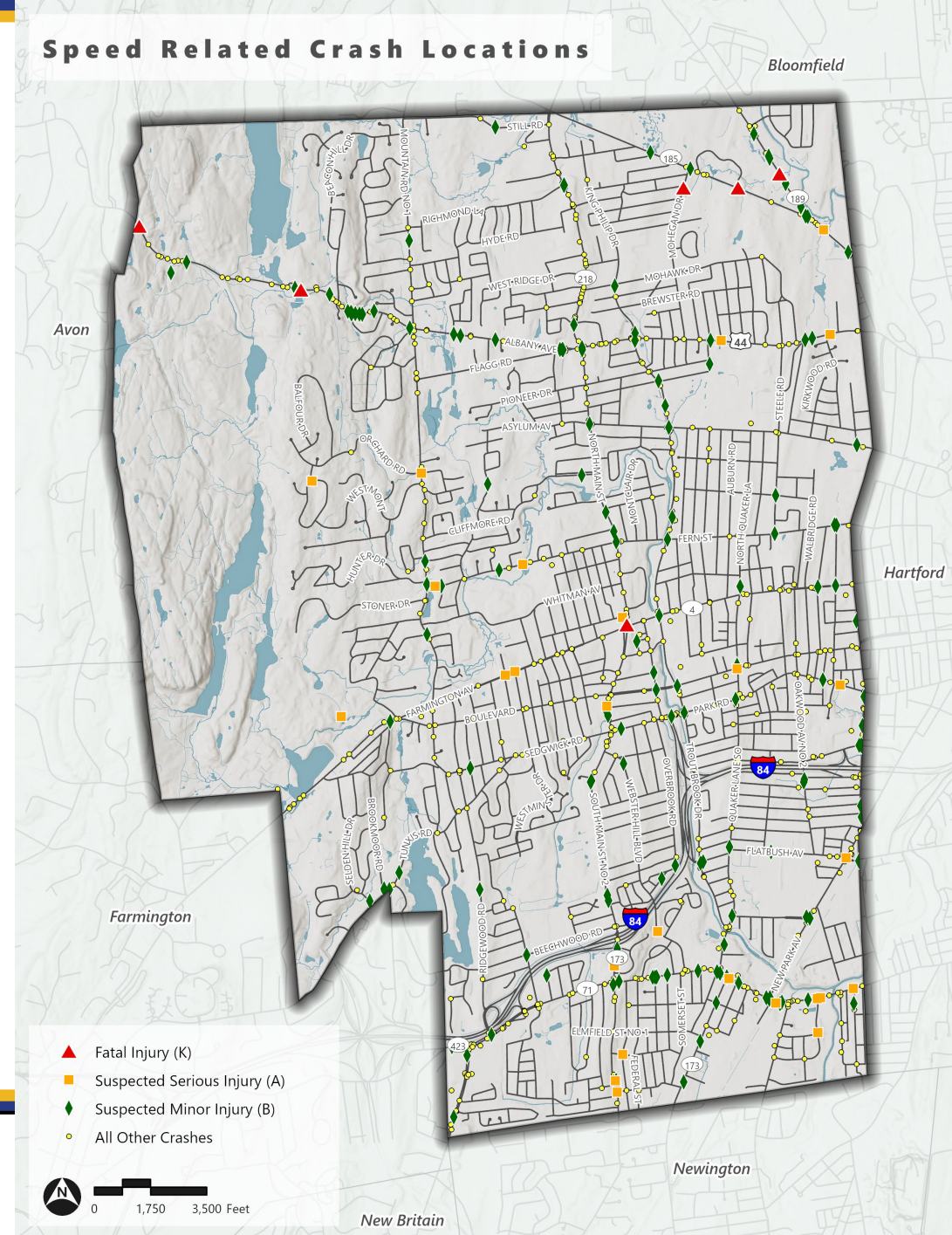
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SCREENING

Speeding Crashes

- Crashes Involving Speeding Vehicles
- UCONN Crash Repository

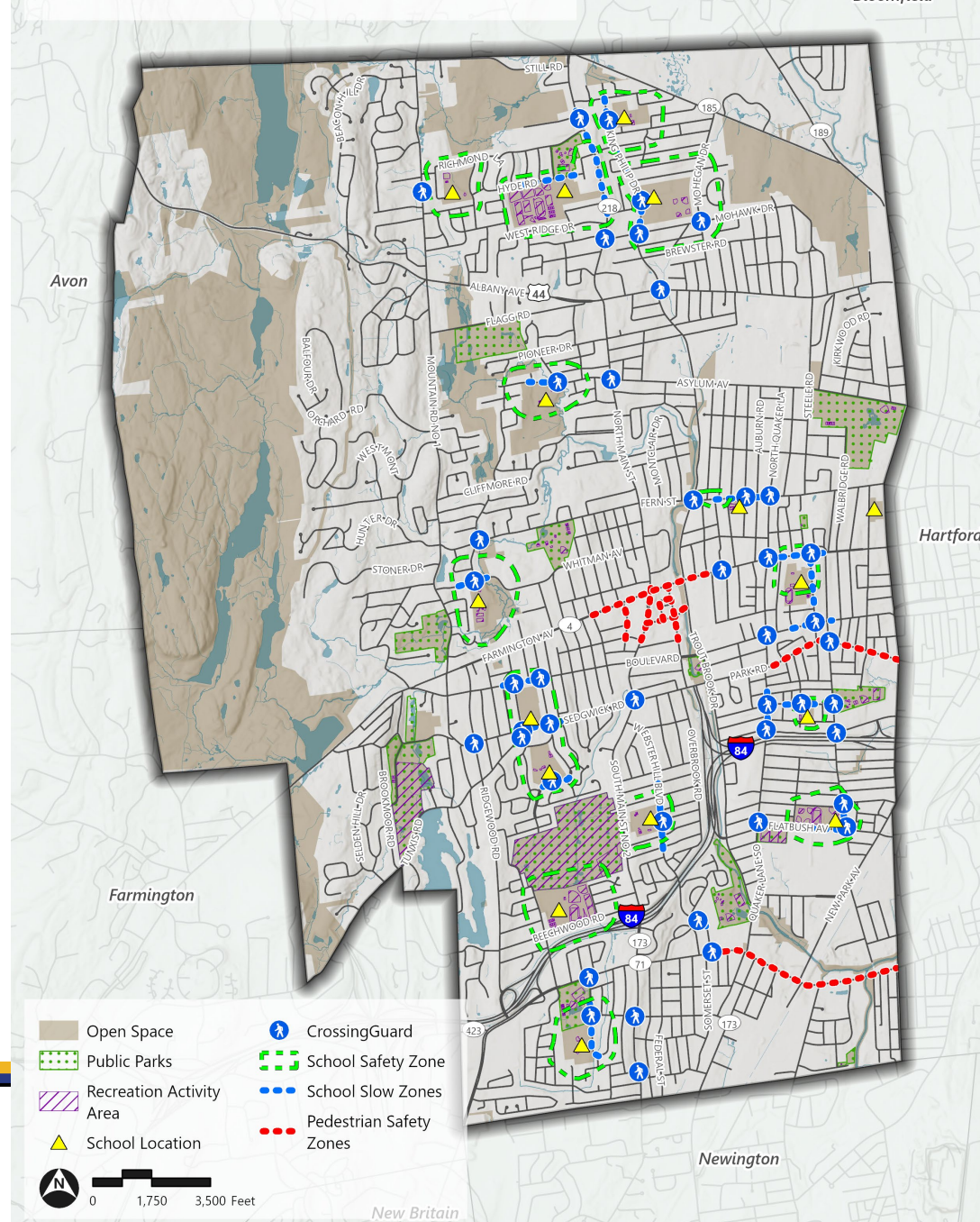


SCREENING

Vulnerable Road Users (VRU's)

- Crossing Guards
- School Zones
- Slow Zones
- Ped Zones
- Parks
- Open Space

Vulnerable Road User Areas



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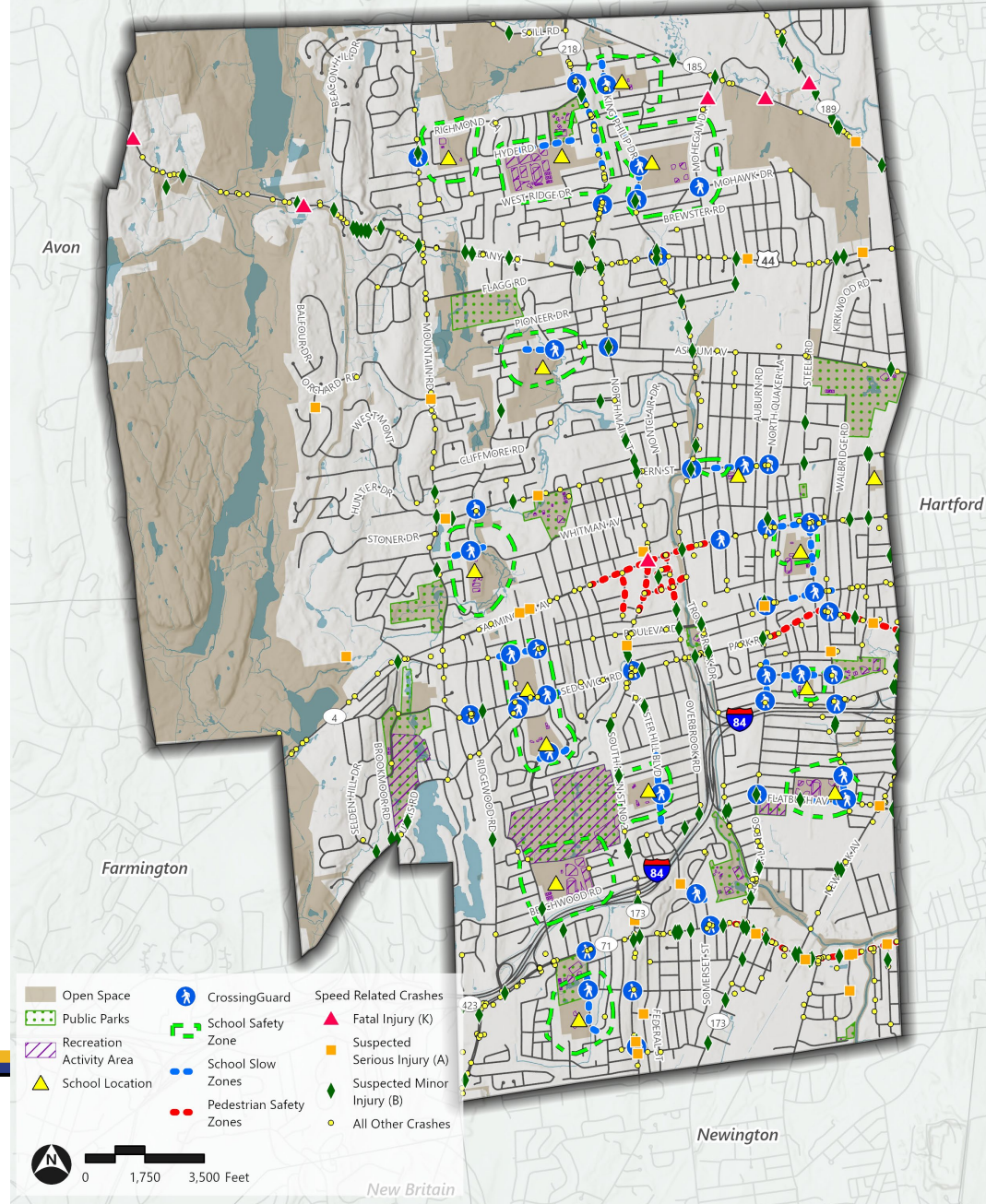
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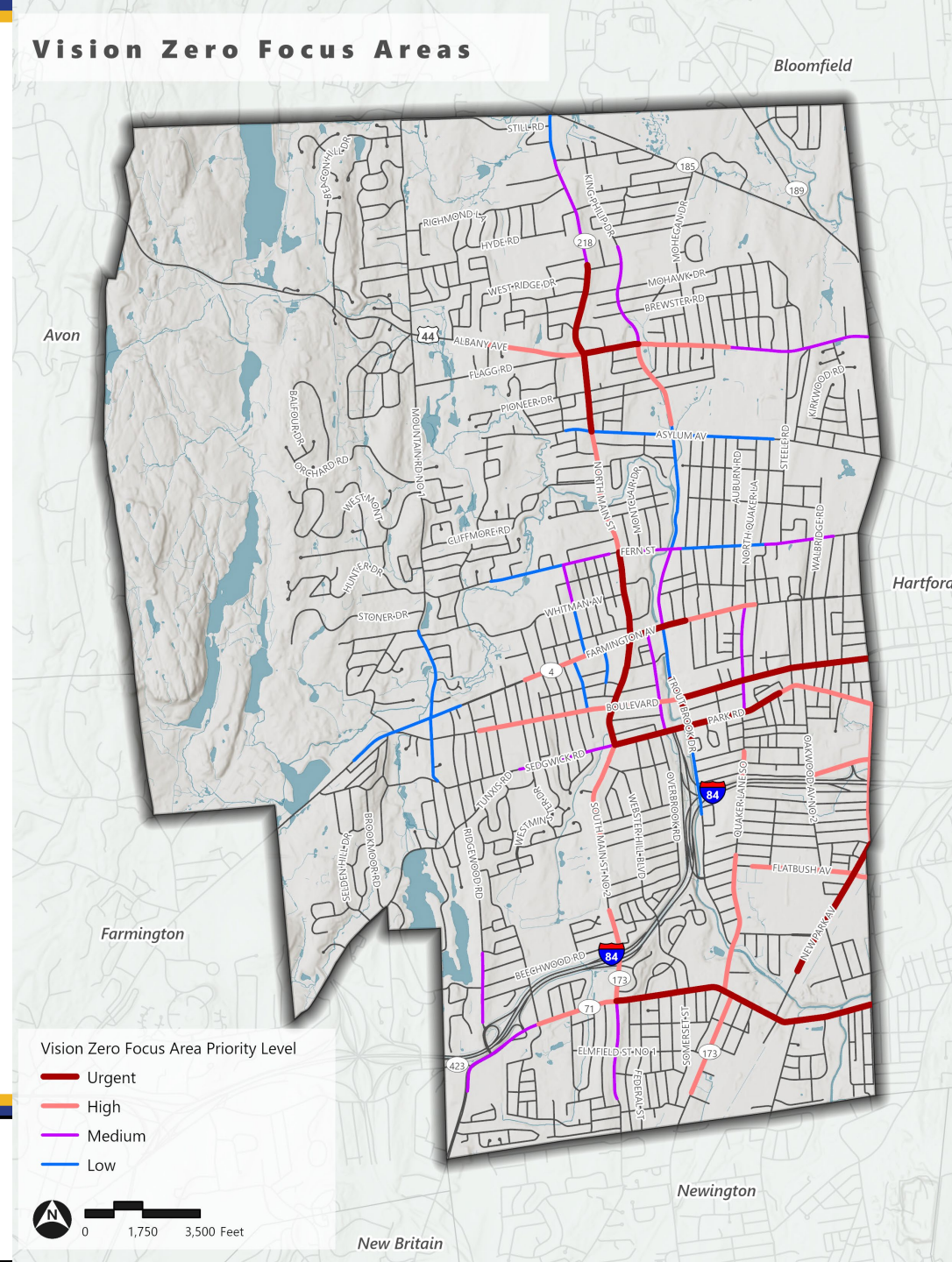
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WITH SPEEDING CRASHES

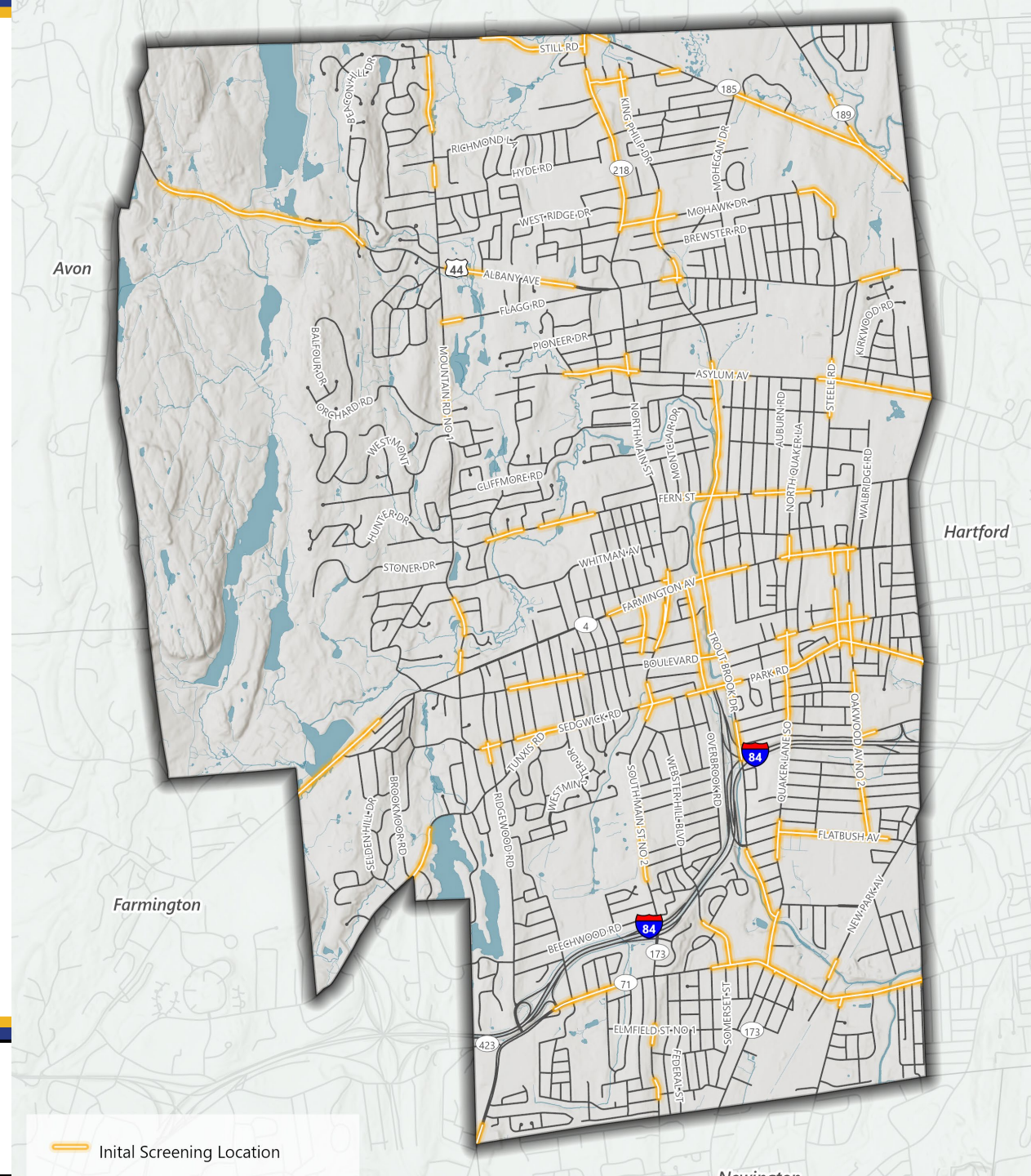


Vision Zero Focus Areas



INITIAL SCREENING RESULTS

- Three Dozen Roadways Identified for Potential Speed Cameras
- Further Screening Underway
- Top 40 Locations Will be Selected



INITIAL SCREENING RESULTS - Roadways

- ALBANY AV
- ARNOLDALE RD
- ASYLUM AV
- BLOOMFIELD AV
- BOULEVARD
- ELLSWORTH RD
- FARMINGTON AV
- FERN ST
- FLAGG RD
- FLATBUSH AV
- KANE ST
- KING PHILIP DR
- LASALLE RD
- LEDYARD RD
- MAYFLOWER ST
- MOHAWK DR
- MOHEGAN DR
- MOUNTAIN RD
- NEW BRITAIN AV
- NEW PARK AV
- NORTH MAIN ST
- NORTH QUAKER LA
- OAKWOOD AV
- PARK RD
- RAYMOND RD
- RIDGEWOOD RD
- SEDGWICK RD
- SIMSBURY RD
- SOUTH MAIN ST
- SOUTH QUAKER LA
- STEELE RD
- STILL RD
- TROUT BROOK DR
- TUMBLEBROOK LA
- TUNXIS RD
- WHITING LA

ADDITIONAL SCREENING

- Vision Zero Focus Areas
- Speeding Violations
- Speed Data
- Desktop Reviews
- Qualified Census Tract Check
- Public Input

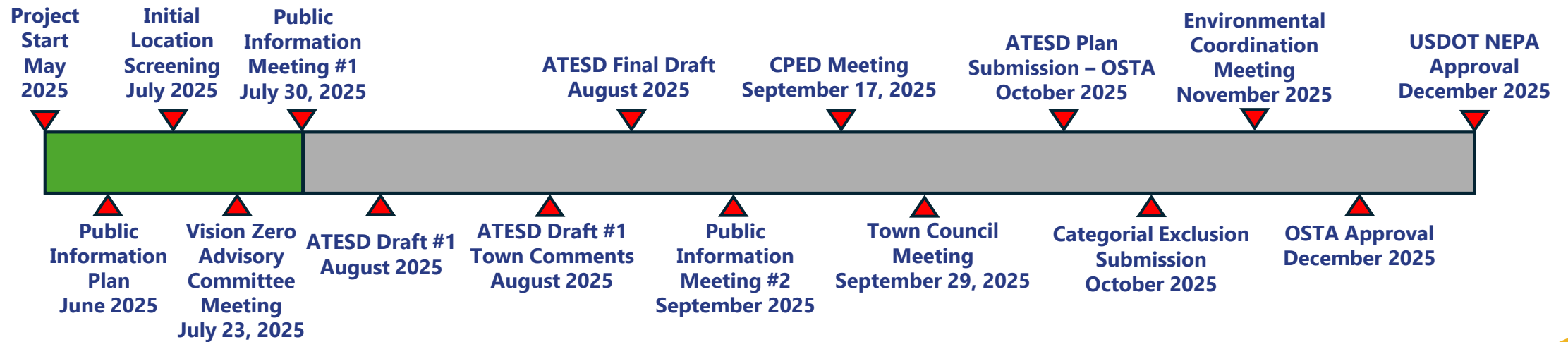


INITIAL LIST OF LOCATIONS

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE - 2025

Next Steps

- ATESD Plan
- Public Information Meeting #2
 - (September 3, 2025 at Sedgwick Middle School)
- Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

2026-27 Town of West Hartford Tasks

- 18 month Trial
- Collect Data During Trial
- Determine Extension of Trial (Beyond 18 months)
- OSTA ATESD 3 Year Approval To ~2028-29 (Based on operational date of cameras)
- First Speed Camera Installed Mid-2026

Q&A

Further question and comments? Feel free to email us at: visionzero@westhartfordct.gov

- Comments will be heard in order based on sign-in sheet
- 3 minutes will be provided per comment
- All comments and questions with responses will be documented and posted online

<https://www.westhartfordct.gov/town-departments/engineering/visionzero>

