

WEST HARTFORD'S RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMERA PROGRAM

**Public Meeting
April 28, 2026**

Attendees: Please Sign In

INTRODUCTION

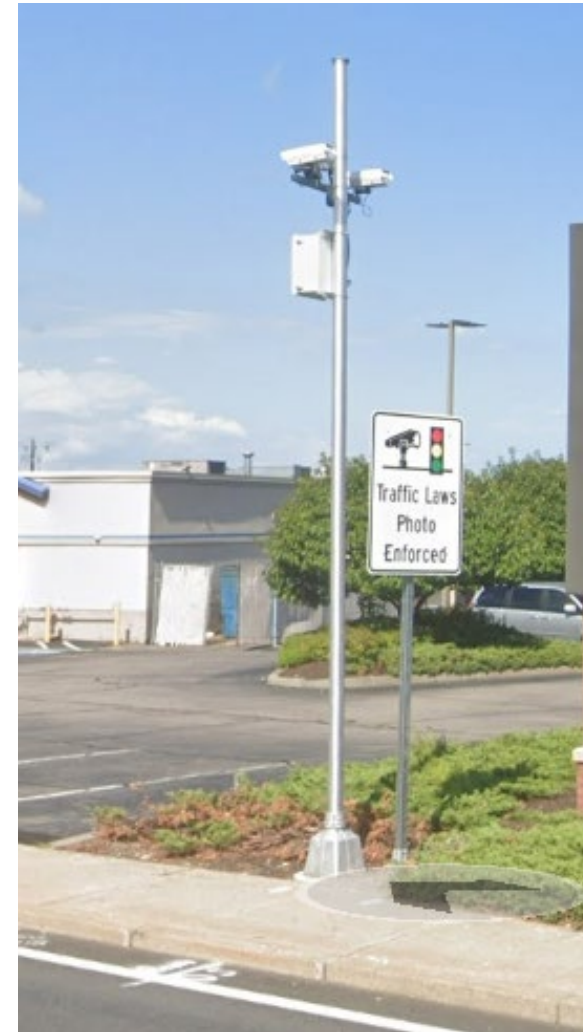
- **Town Manager Remarks**
 - **Richard Ledwith**
- **Consultant Presentation**
VHB:
Daniel Amstutz, AICP

The screenshot shows the West Hartford website page for "RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMERAS". The page features the town's logo and navigation menu. The main content includes a section titled "RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMERAS" with a sub-header "Red Light Running Cameras". Below this, there are sections for "Project Schedule", "Public Involvement Plan", "Public Information Meetings", and "Vision Zero". The text describes the town's initiative to install red light running cameras, mentioning a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the town's goal to reduce traffic crashes. It also details the selection process for camera locations and the public engagement process, including a public information meeting and a community center meeting. A "Download event flyer" link is provided. At the bottom, there are two images: one showing a hand holding a pen over a document labeled "PROJECT SCHEDULE" and another showing a large group of people at a meeting labeled "PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN".

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AGENDA

- **NEPA & Title VI**
- **Program Overview**
- **Proposed Red Light Running Camera Locations**
- **Next Steps**
- **Q&A**



Example of red light running camera. Source: VHB

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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

RED LIGHT CAMERAS AS A VISION ZERO STRATEGY

- Red light running creates 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 Red Light Running 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)

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

Red-Light Cameras

- West Hartford received a Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant which will support an 18-month pilot program of automated red-light enforcement at 8 locations.
- Topic of today's Public Meeting.

Speed Management Cameras

- West Hartford also received a Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to support an 18-month Speed Management Pilot Program for approximately 15 locations.
- Plan has been approved by CTDOT and NEPA approved by FHWA. Vendor selection underway to have cameras installed in the fall.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Requirements for Implementation

- Town Ordinance (Adopted 4/8/2025)
- ATESD Plan – Red Light Running to be Added
 - Public Hearing (Town Council Meeting / Anticipated June 2026)
 - 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 red light running 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.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Change Driver Behavior: Reduce Red Light Running and Related Crashes

- Study all Town signalized intersections for potential locations to install ATESD to discourage red light running

PILOT PROGRAM

- Town Engaged VHB to Develop Plan for Pilot Program
- Study Commenced February 2026

PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK

**Screening Analysis – Intersection
Determination**

Public Information Meeting

Finalize Locations

OSTA ATESD Review/Approval

NEPA – Funding Required Process



**Automated Traffic Enforcement
Safety Device (ATESD) Guidance
for Municipalities**

Office of the State Traffic Administration



ATESD Guidance for Municipalities
December 2025

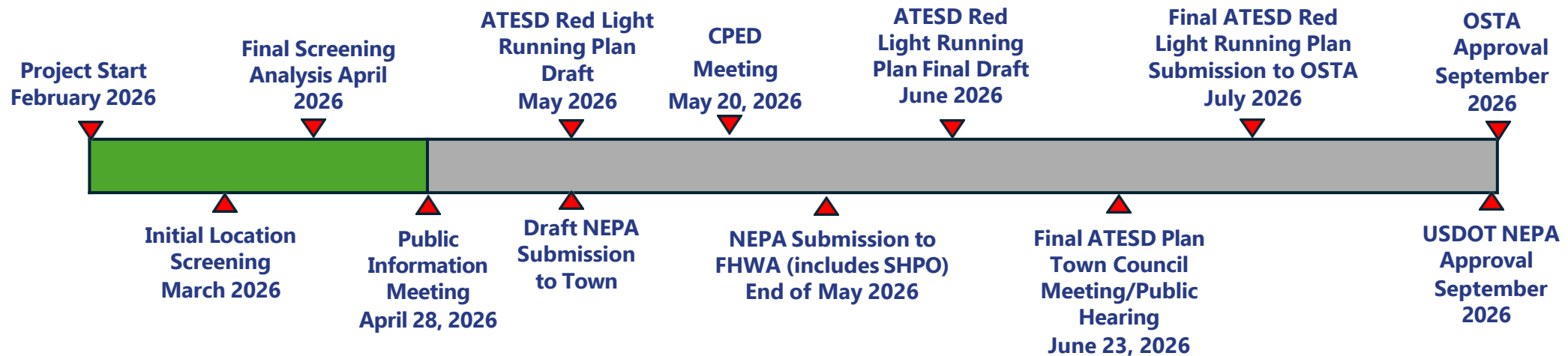
Project Progress

Completed Tasks

- Public Information Plan – Submitted
- Initial Locations Screening – Completed
- Draft List of Intersections – Completed
- Public Information Meeting – Tonight
 - Your feedback is important!

Ongoing Work

- Final Intersection Selection
- Prepare Red Light Running ATESD Plan for Town Council
- Council Presentation



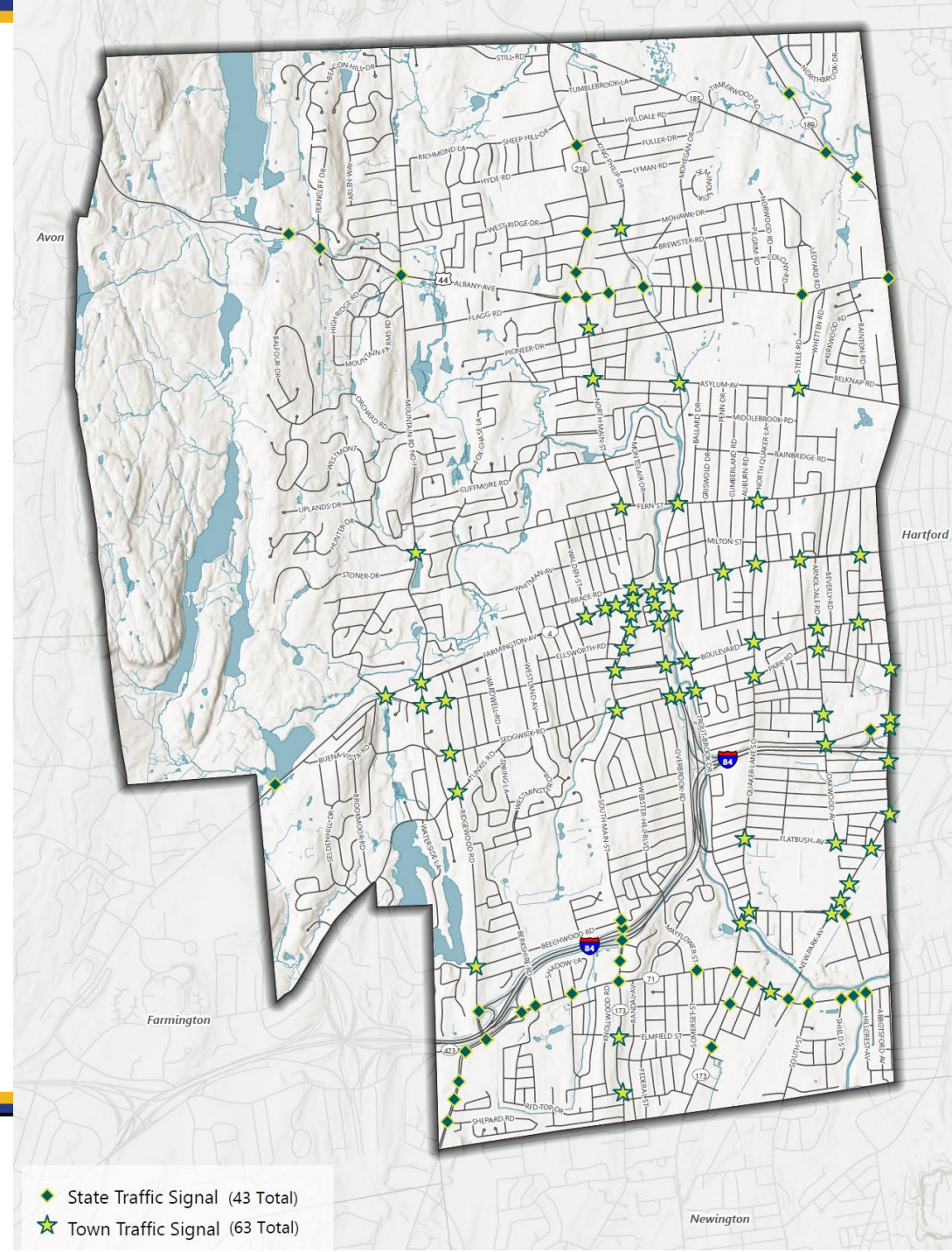
SCREENING

GIS Application

- Geographic Information System
- Mapping
- Data

Signalized Intersections

- Screening Process
- Applied to Town and CTDOT signals



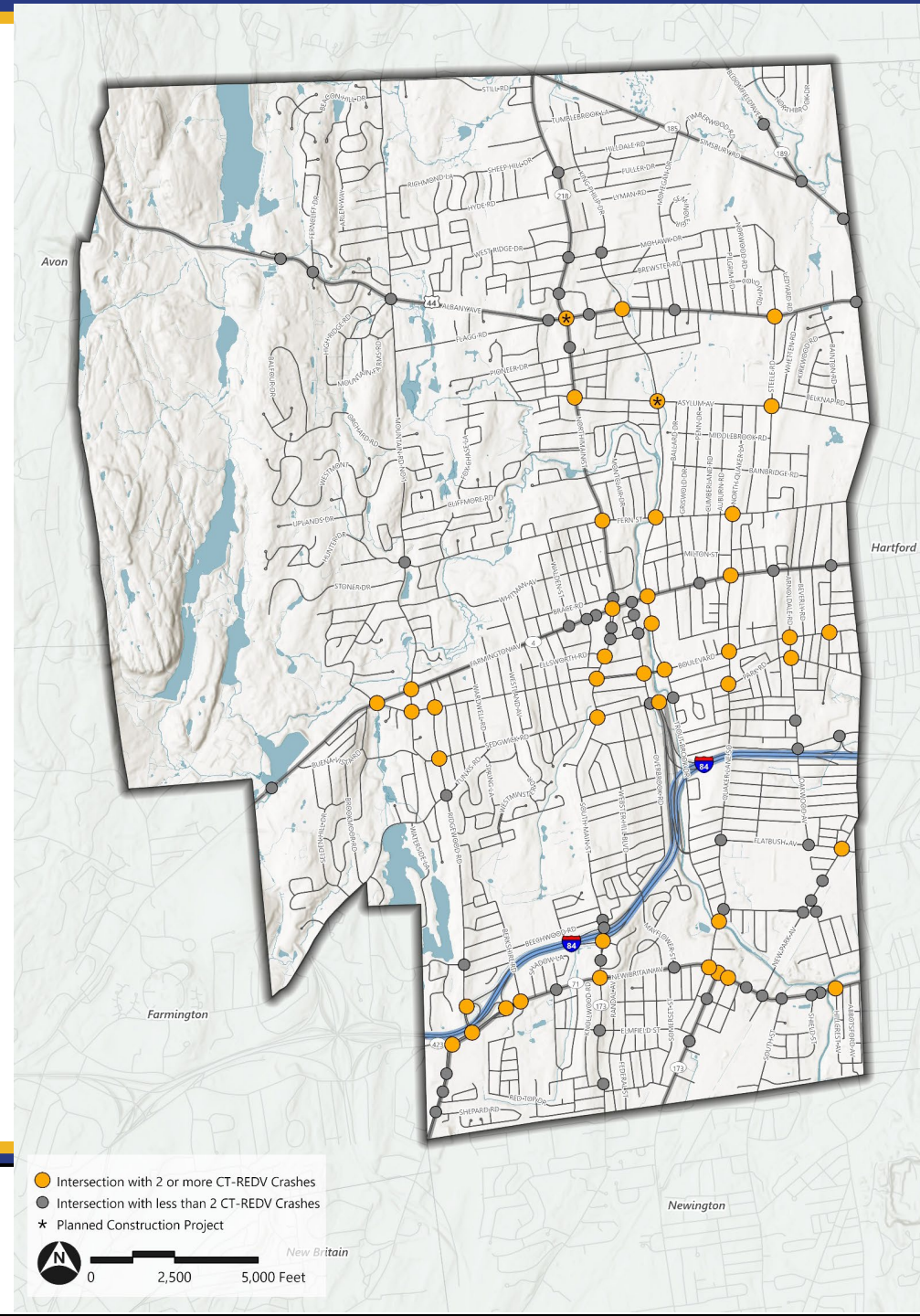
◆ State Traffic Signal (43 Total)
★ Town Traffic Signal (63 Total)

SCREENING RESULTS

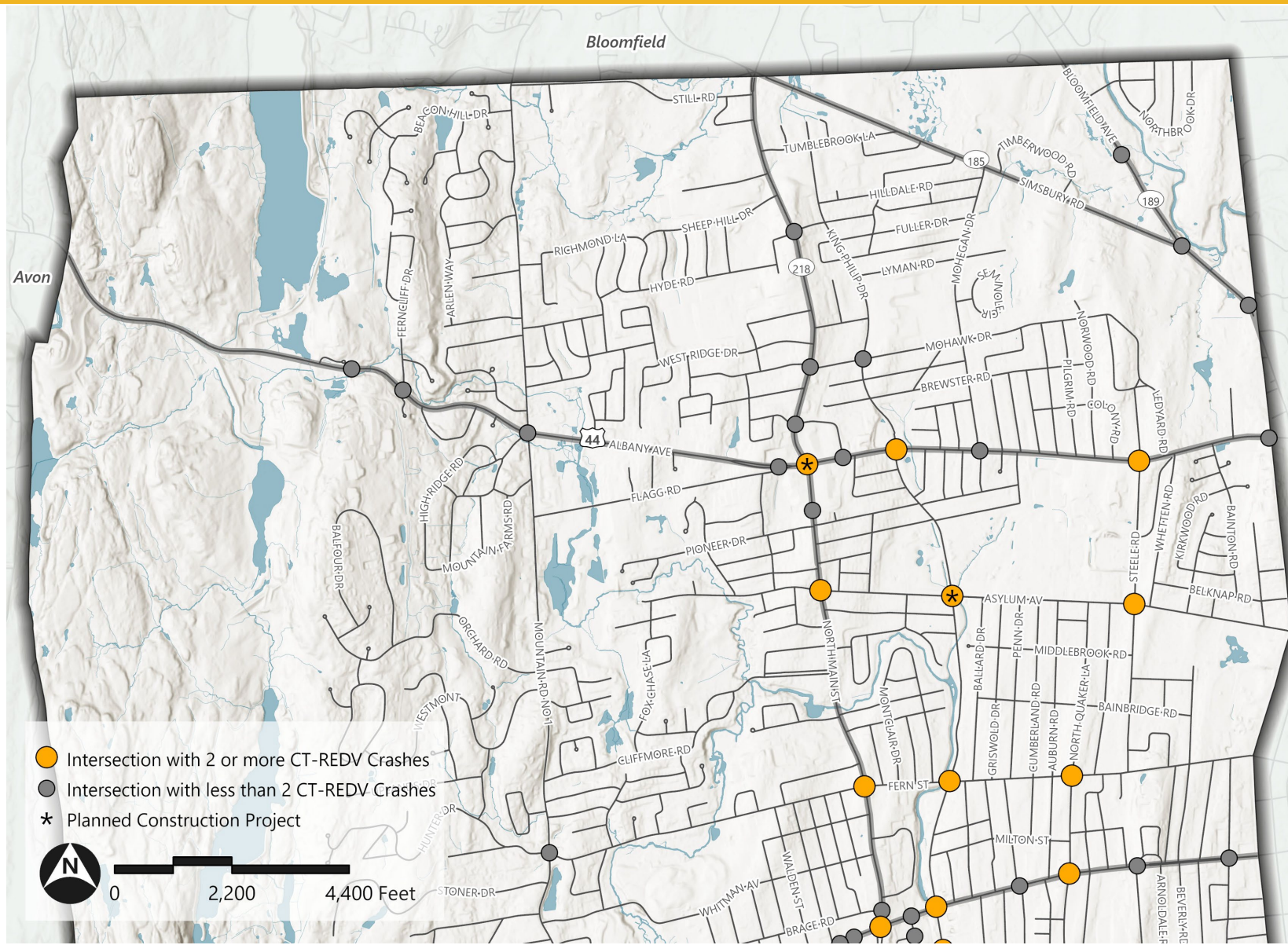
Screening Methodology

- Various Factors
 - CT-REDV (Red Light Running) Crashes (2020-2024).
 - Bike/Pedestrian and injury crashes
 - Traffic Volumes
 - VZ Focus Areas
 - Police Citations
 - Pedestrian Areas

Results

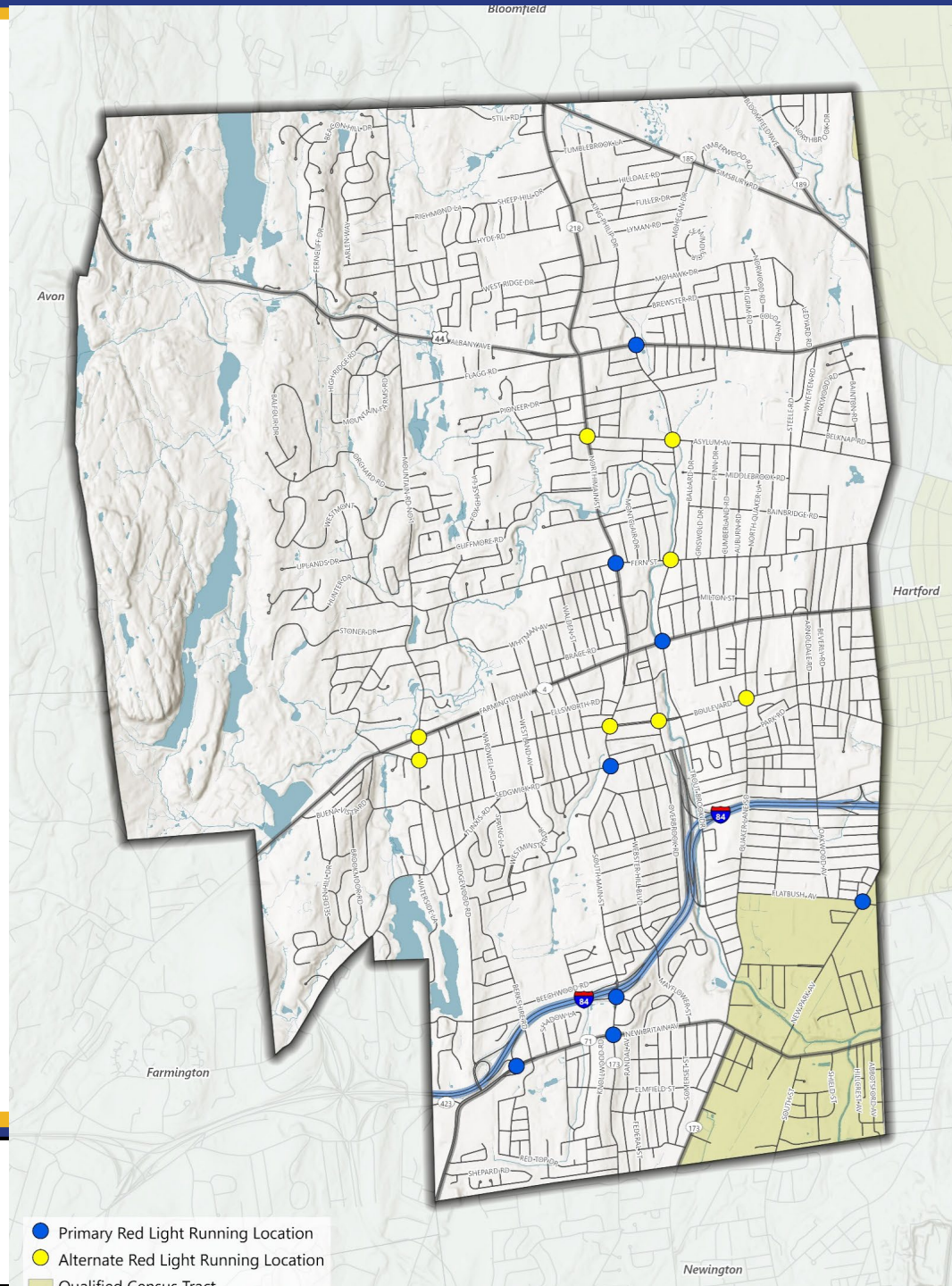


SCREENING RESULTS



DRAFT RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMERA INTERSECTIONS

- 8 intersections (blue dots) identified for potential Red Light Running cameras
- 8 intersections (yellow dots) are alternate locations, if needed
- Highest scoring, WHPD concerns, known red light running issues



- Primary Red Light Running Location
- Alternate Red Light Running Location
- Qualified Census Tract

WEST HARTFORD

VISION ZERO



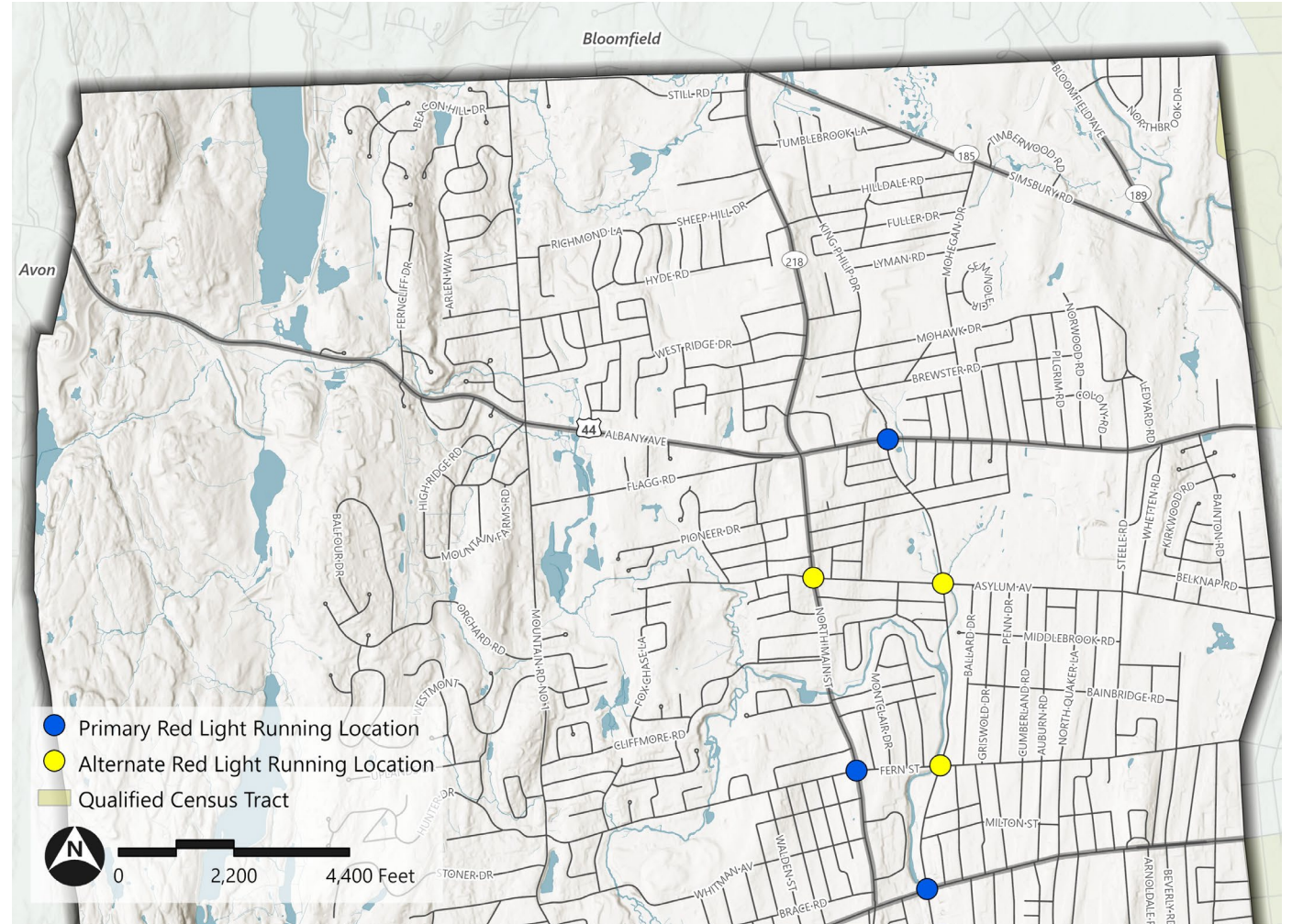
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Primary Intersections (Blue dots):

- Albany Ave & Trout Brook Drive
- Farmington Ave & Trout Brook Drive
- North Main Street & Fern Street

Alternate Intersections (Yellow dots):

- Asylum Ave & Trout Brook Drive
- North Main Street & Asylum Ave
- Trout Brook Drive & Fern Street



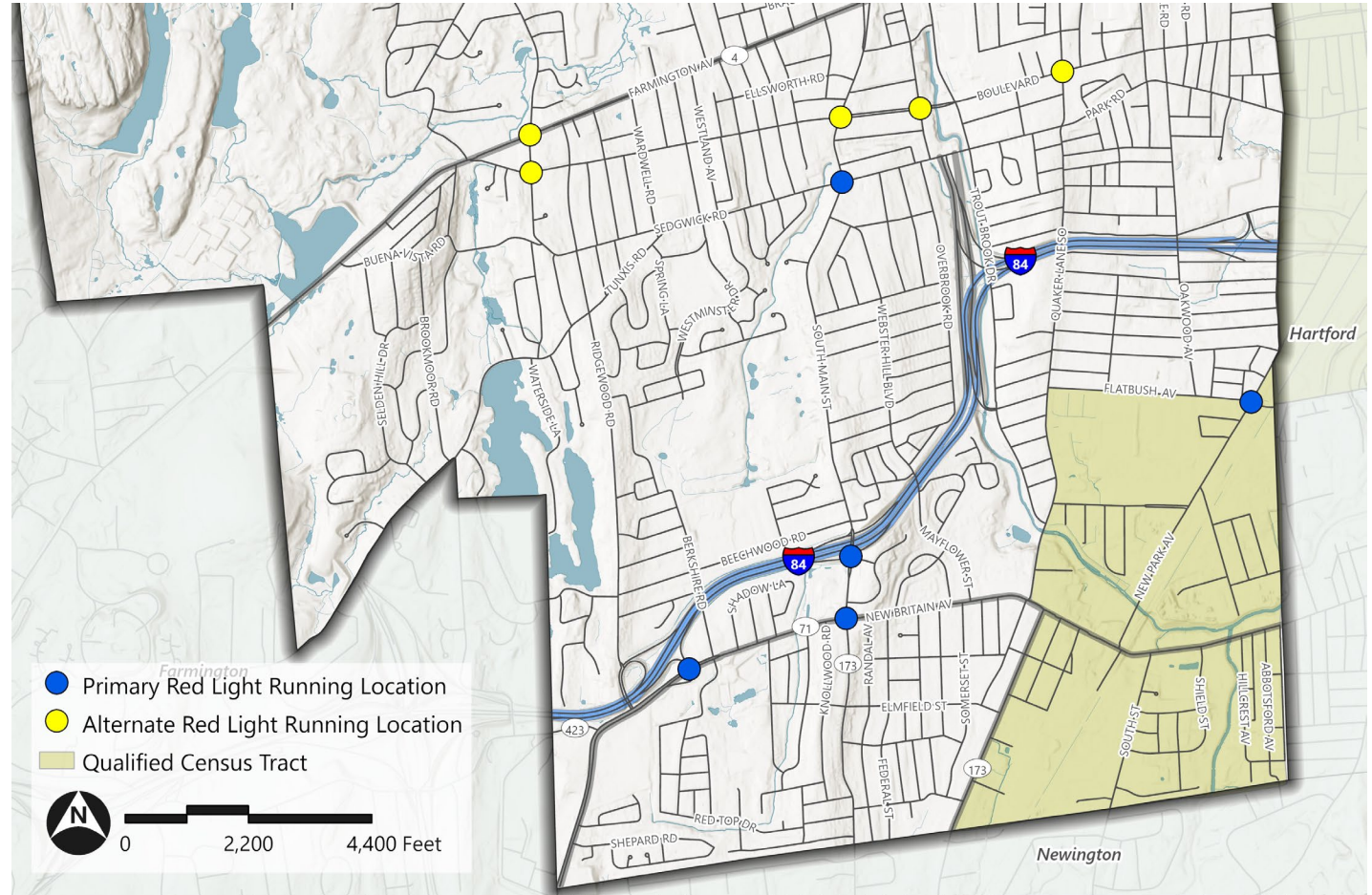
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Primary Intersections (Blue dots):

- I-84 E Offramp & South Main Street
- I-84 E On/Offramp & New Britain Ave
- New Park Ave & Flatbush Ave
- South Main Street & Park Road
- South Main Street & New Britain Ave

Alternate Intersections (Yellow dots):

- Farmington Ave & Mountain Road
- Mountain Road & Boulevard
- Quaker Lane South & Boulevard
- Raymond Road & Boulevard
- South Main Street & Boulevard



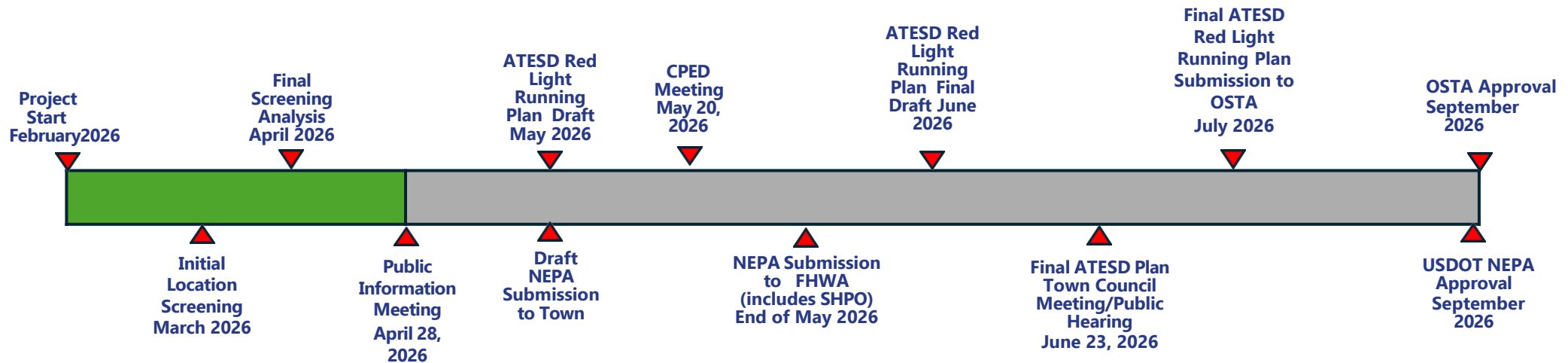
Anticipated Schedule

Next Steps

- Finalize list of locations
- Complete Red Light Running ATESD Plan
- Approval from Town Council
- Submit to Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA) & National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

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 Red Light Running Cameras Installed late 2026



Q&A

Further questions 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/visionzero>

