



# CITY OF HARTFORD PUBLIC WORKS

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## Pope Commons Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Project



<b>Overview</b>	<p><i>Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety project on Park Street from Laurel Street to I-84 /Pope Hwy #4. Features include brick pavers, trees, decorative lights, and bus shelters. Also includes pedestrian safety features such as traffic calming, multi-purpose pedestrian pathway for walking and bikes, new crosswalks, and new signal with count down timers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional significance: Connectivity to DOT Parkville Busway station and West Hartford Park Road streetscape</li> <li>Visible from I-84 by 150,000 vehicles per day. Currently blighted area will be transformed into an attractive destination.</li> <li>Economic development potential via the proposed Pope Commons Retail Mall.</li> </ul>	
<b>PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS , AND ESTIMATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Semi-Final plans completed December, 2008.</b> Plans are in DOT format.</li> <li>Hartford engaged <b>VHB Engineers, May, 2008</b> to develop design plans at city's cost (\$180,000).</li> <li>Official <b>Public Information Meeting</b> conducted Feb 10, 2009. Positive support from public and small businesses. Plans &amp; Renderings presented. Estimated Total Cost = \$3,560,273</li> <li>Preliminary meeting / plan review has been conducted with DOT.</li> </ul>	<b>(20 MAX)</b>
<b>STATUS OF PERMITS / LEVEL OF DOT OVERSIGHT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No DEP, DOT Traffic, Flood Plain, or other State permits required.</b></li> <li>Minimal Drainage work involved: Limited to moving existing Catch Basins. <b>No discharge to any DOT system</b></li> <li><b>Local Inland Wetlands permit has been applied for</b> (expect administrative exemption due to minor impact within buffer zone only)</li> </ul>	<b>(10 MAX)</b>
<b>TOWN EXPERIENCE WITH DOT PROCESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hartford DPW is believed to have <b>administered more DOT funded projects</b> than any other municipality in CROG region. (historically 2 to 3 projects per year)</li> <li>City hired <b>VHB Engineers to ensure design is expedited</b> and in accordance with DOT standards. VHB assisting with project administration.</li> <li>City proposes hiring <b>consultant for construction inspection</b> services.</li> </ul>	<b>(10 MAX)</b>
<b>TOWN WORKLOAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Consultant services for design are completely funded and contracted</b> to accommodate fast-track execution of design and DOT approvals. Consultant inspection is proposed.</li> <li><b>No workload obstacles expected.</b> City has 2 DOT projects currently in construction phase, therefore no impact on design schedule (Inspection for project #1 is by Consultant, and #2 by City Inspection)</li> </ul>	<b>(5 MAX)</b>
<b>TOWN FINANCIAL COMMITMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hartford's Financial Ordinances <b>do not require a referendum or issuance of bonds</b> for up-front costs, and the City has sufficient funds in contingency to up-front project costs.</li> <li>City Finance Department will create reimbursable cost center upon receipt of a <b>signed City-State Agreement.</b></li> <li><b>Pope Commons Streetscape is an authorized Capital Improvement Project.</b> Sufficient funding in the CIP is available cover potential increases in construction costs that might arise.</li> </ul>	<b>(5 MAX)</b>
<b>JOB CREATION POTENTIAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Streetscape Projects are the most labor intensive type of road construction. Hence streetscape have most job creation and involve the most types of trades .</i></li> <li><u>Construction</u> : Estimated 65% of streetscape construction cost is labor: Equates to <b>23 FTE (Full Year) Construction Jobs.</b></li> <li><u>Technical</u> : – Engineering/ Architectural Design and Construction Inspection services are expected to create <b>4 FTE (Full Year) Technical Jobs.</b></li> <li><u>Utilities</u> : – Electric, gas and sewer utilities will be required adjust and coordinate utility work. Estimated to create <b>2 FTE's (Full Year) Technical /Service Jobs.</b></li> <li><u>Leveraged Construction jobs</u>: Project will help stimulate the private construction of a retail mall. Retail project will create estimated <b>20 FTE constructions jobs (multiple building trades).</b></li> <li><u>Post construction Jobs</u>: The retail mall will employ a reported <b>40 FTE retail jobs.</b></li> </ul>	<b>(30 MAX)</b>
<b>COMMUNITY BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Development: Park Street is a unique cultural corridor. <u>Pope Commons "Placita" enhances Park Street's regional draw</u> and create a visitor destination for unique retail and dining.</li> <li>Regionally Significant: Pedestrian <u>Connectivity to DOT Busway Parkville Station.</u> Linkages for bicycle via multi use pathways created.</li> <li>Connectivity to West Hartford: A stated goal for both communities is to provide a seamless street appearance to <u>promote regional small business development in Hartford and West Hartford.</u></li> <li>Synergy with Pope Park: The park master plan will be further <u>enhanced by the proposed streetscape and pedestrian connectivity.</u></li> <li>Pedestrian Safety: Enhanced pedestrian safety features and connectivity will provide for a <u>more walkable community and will reduce congestion and air pollution.</u></li> </ul>	<b>(20 MAX)</b>