

Take Action Now to Address Safety Concerns on Whitney Ave (State Rte 707)!

Whitney Avenue in Hamden, from the New Haven city line to Dixwell Ave., is State Rte. 707. The CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is planning changes on Whitney to make it safer, but won't begin planning/implementation for another five years. We can't wait that long! **Please sign the petition (see below) to urge CT DOT to accelerate their plans. When the planning begins there will be ample opportunity to provide your input about what needs to be done.**

The last three years of crash data on Whitney make it clear that the need is urgent.*

- This stretch of Whitney is only 3.5 miles long. **Yet in the last 3 years there have been 303 accidents, involving 770 people and 586 vehicles!**
- 269 people have been involved in accidents in which injuries have occurred.
- 16 accidents have involved hitting utility and other poles and 4 have involved "other fixed objects," including the brick entrance to the Children's Center.
- **119 crashes have occurred within 2/10ths of a mile of a school, including 45 crashes near Hamden Hall and 20 near Spring Glen Elementary School.**
- **Whitneyville has borne the brunt of the unsafe conditions on Whitney.** The first mile of Whitney (New Haven city line to Treadwell) represents only a little over a quarter of State Rte 707 but accounts for 40% of the accidents (122/303) on Whitney.
- Hamden now has a Complete Streets policy requiring streets be made safe for ALL users: drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and people with disabilities. CT has adopted a Vision Zero policy with the same goals. It's time for Whitney Ave to be aligned with these policies.
- The Garrett Administration supports improvements on Whitney!
- **In New Haven, Whitney Ave is not a state road and the city is planning significant traffic calming on the street, including bike lanes. Construction is estimated to begin in 2025.** (Search "Whitney Avenue Corridor Project" at newhavenct.gov or access [here](#))
- **We are concerned that once New Haven completes their redesign we will see even more speeding and accidents** by drivers emerging from the traffic calming in New Haven and traveling north.
- **Redesigning Whitney Ave. will enhance the economic vitality of our commercial areas.** The safer Whitney Ave is made for ALL users the more foot traffic we will have and the more attractive our town will be to developers, small businesses and families interested in investing/moving here.

Too often, action is taken only after a tragedy. We want to prevent that tragedy by taking collective action now! Either sign our paper petition or use the QR Code to add your name to the electronic petition. Thank you!



Scan here
to sign the petition

*Data covers the period from 1/1/2021 to 1/31/2024, sourced from UCONN Crash Data Repository <https://www.ctcrash.uconn.edu/>, accessed on 2/5/2024.