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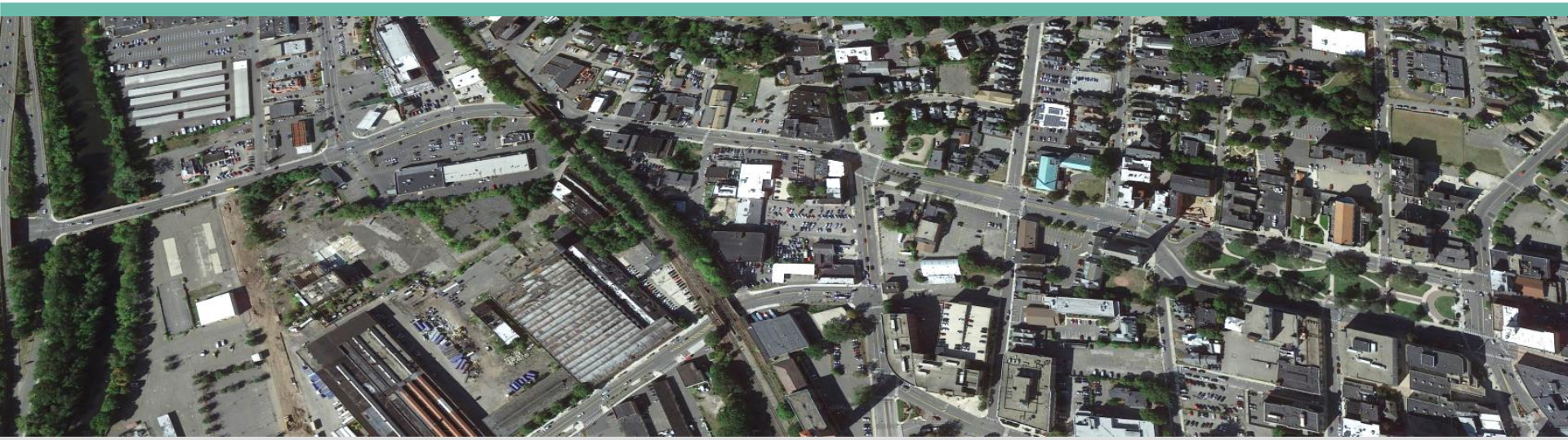


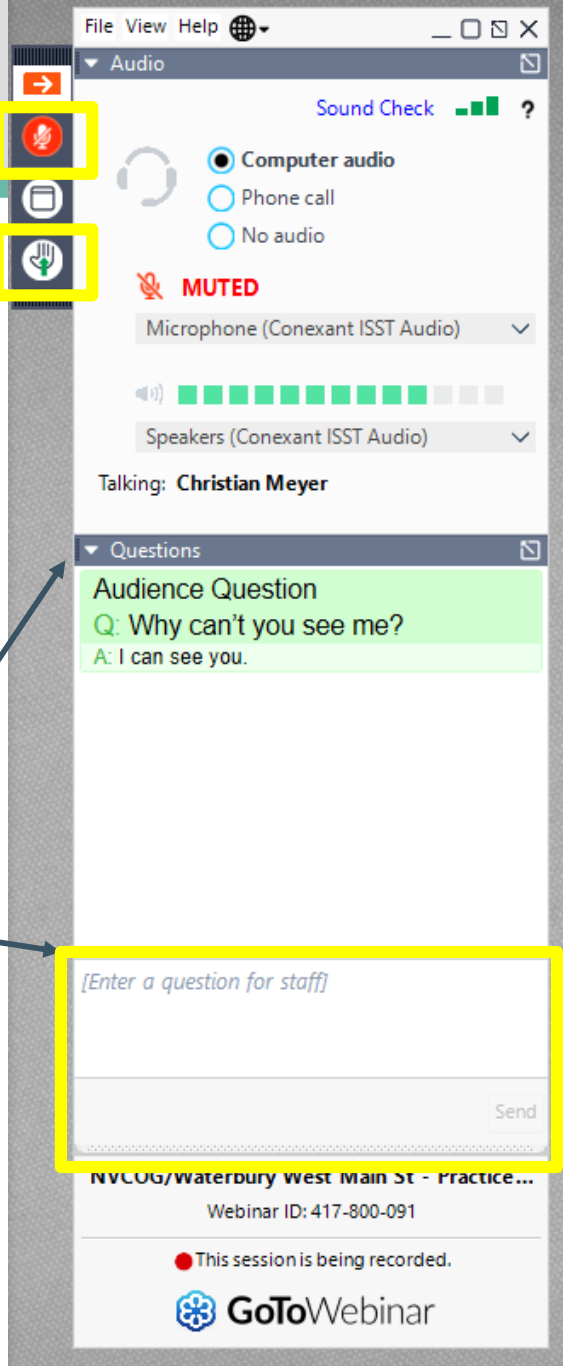
West Main Street, Waterbury Corridor Study

Public Meeting #1 - Introduction

January 12, 2021

Quick Housekeeping Items

- You're all currently muted, we will unmute you when you raise your hand when we get to the discussion part of our program, around 5:30pm
- You can raise your hand using this button
- You can type in questions using the question feature to ask questions to the organizer or the whole group



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Today's Agenda

5:00 – 5:10 pm	Welcome and Introductions
5:10 – 5:20 pm	Review Project Specific Materials
5:20 – 5:30 pm	Overview of Street Sections
5:30 – 6:45 pm	Discussion of Corridor Existing Conditions
6:45 – 7:00 pm	Next Steps
7:00 pm	Adjourn

Project Team

- NVCOG
  - *Lesley Barewin*
  - *Christian Meyer*

- Fuss & O'Neill
  - *Mark Vertucci, PE, PTOE*
  - *Matthew Skelly, PE, PTOE*

- FHI
  - *Francisco Gomes*

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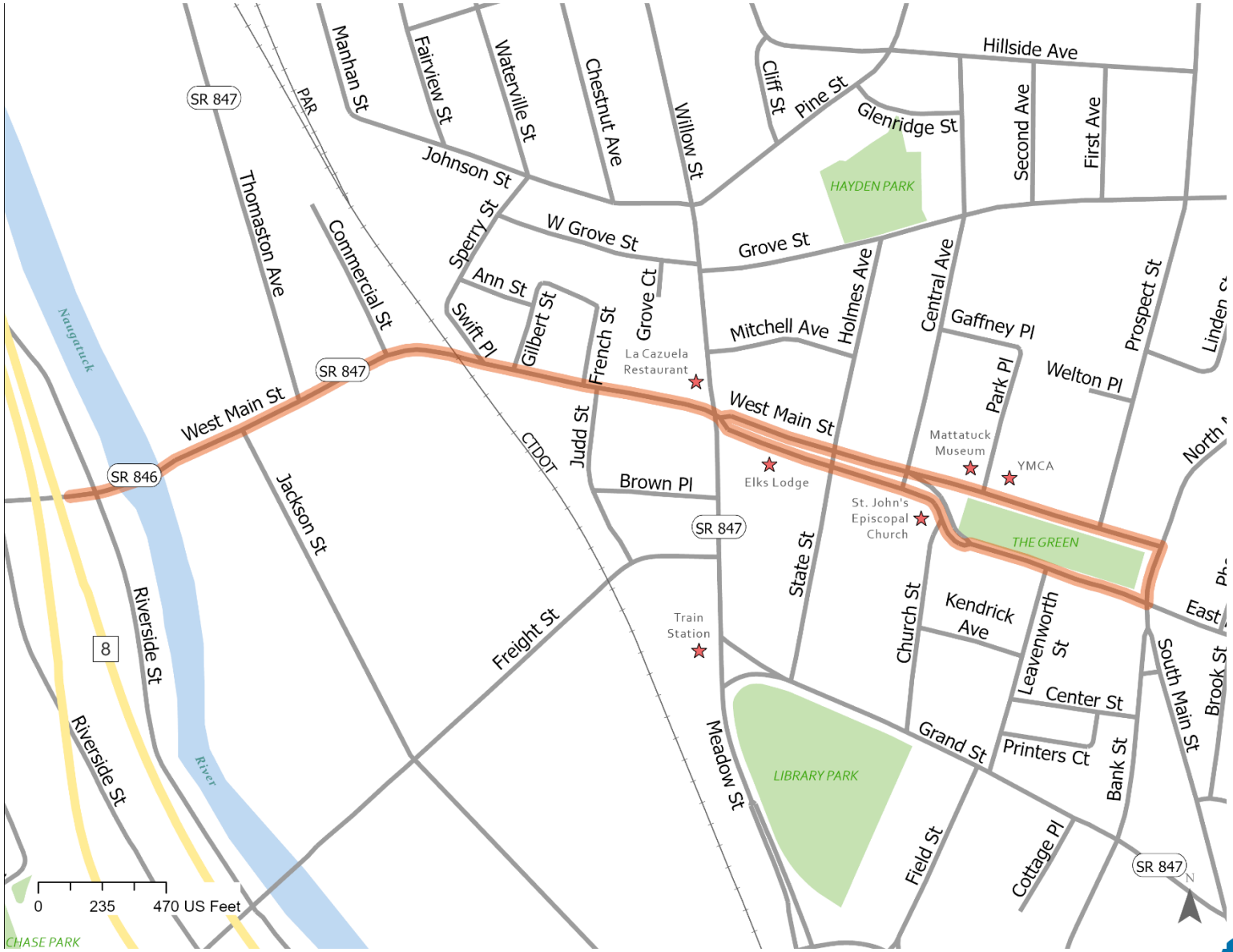
Project Corridor



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Project Background

- Background
- Funding source
- Objectives
- Goals

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Scope of Work

- Public Outreach & Engagement
  - Public Meetings:
    - Gauge public opinion existing corridor
    - Workshop to brainstorm recommendations
    - Public input on final recommendations
  - Key Stakeholder Interviews
  - Website Development
    - Interactive mapping tool for geographic based comments
    - Online input survey

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Scope of Work

- Data Collection & Analysis of Current Conditions
  - Field visit
  - Review of previous studies of nearby areas and potential proposed changes
  - List of bus and train services in the area
  - Vehicle and pedestrian counts at key intersections
  - Analysis of current/projected traffic levels to determine problem areas
    - Grow traffic volumes to model a future year analysis
  - Crash analysis

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Scope of Work

- Analysis of Potential Changes:
  - Explore the possibility reducing the number of lanes
  - Recommend changes to intersections and/or adjoining streets
  - Develop a plan for better sidewalks/crosswalks and bus stops
  - Develop a plan for safer and more comfortable bicycling
  - Develop a plan to make getting into and out of properties safer
  - Perform traffic analysis on any proposed road improvements projected to 2035
  - Provide concept drawings for each potential change scenario (up to 10 total)

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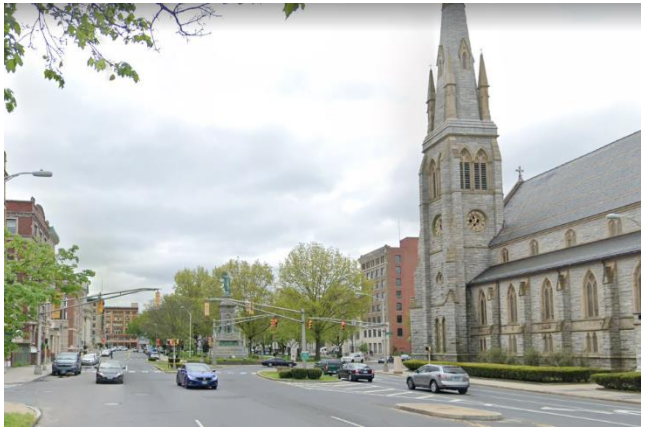
Scope of Work

- High Level Market Analysis
  - Summarize how roadway design recommendations can enhance economic developments
  - Analysis of economic and demographic trends in the study area
  - Analysis of markets that shape the demand for retail and commercial development in the study area
  - Real estate analysis to determine the potential for increase in travel demand
  - Case studies of comparable communities with complete street components
  - Focus group to present market conclusions to the PAC



Scope of Work

- Final Report
  - Short and long term recommendations with implementation strategies
  - Design conceptual layout options
  - Recommendations for how to improve the street for many types of users (cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, etc.)
  - Cost estimates to implement conceptual layout options and potential funding sources

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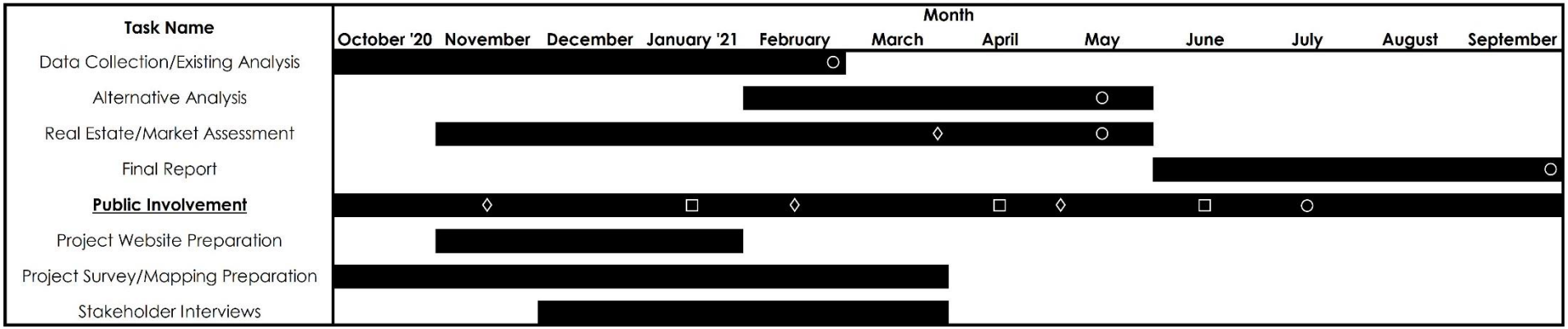
Project Schedule and Deliverables



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○	=	Technical Memorandum/Report Deliverable
◊	=	Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings
□	=	Public Involvement Meetings

Fundamental Challenge

- Street vs. Road
- Make the best use of the City owned space for all users
- Comfortable and safe feeling for all roadway users
- All users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities

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Complete Streets

Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from train stations.

- Smart Growth America

Road Diet – West Hartford Example

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Strengths vs. Weaknesses

- Strengths

  What is this corridor doing well?

  What is your favorite area along the corridor?

- Weaknesses

  What are existing flaws with this corridor?

  What are some limitations when rethinking the corridor?

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Street Section #1

Between Route 8 and the Railroad Overpass

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Street Section #2

Between Railroad Overpass and Meadow Street

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Street Section #3

Between Meadow Street and Waterbury Green

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Street Section #4

Waterbury Green

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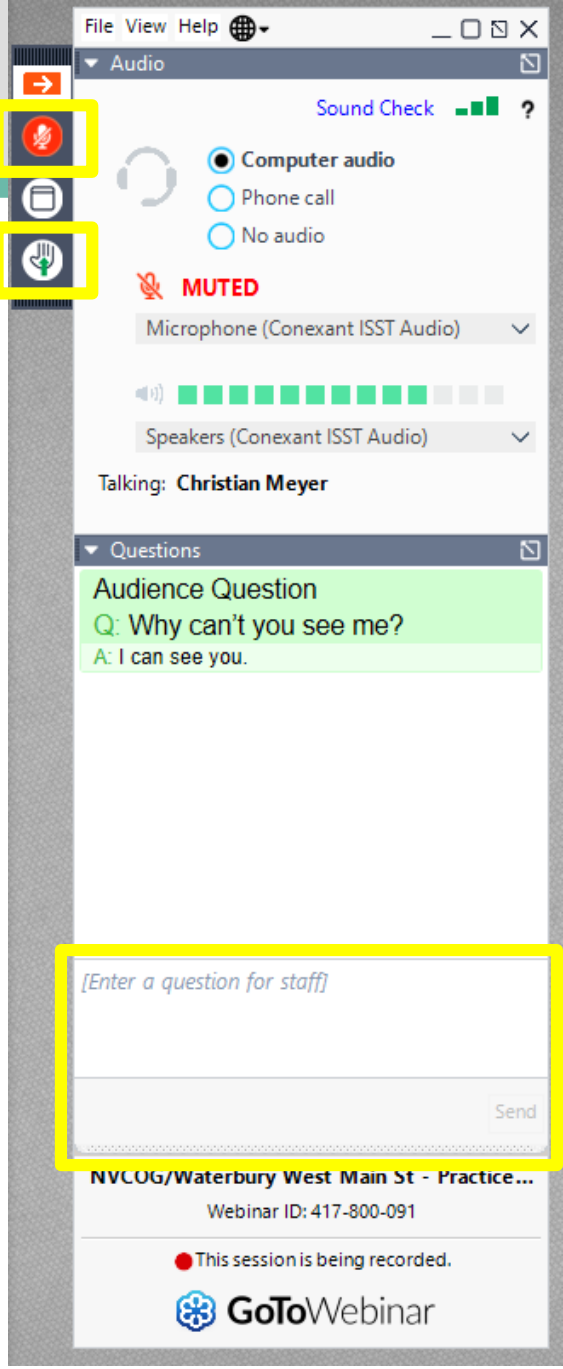
Ground Rules for Discussion

- Speak your own truth
- Listen to others with full attention
- Share the floor – allow everyone the chance to have their voices heard
- Assume the community is seeking honest input from each other.
- Assume that no one has the entire answer, but rather everyone has part of the answer.
- The workshop is about hearing and documenting your opinions on the overall project.
- Express opinions and disagree with civility. No personal attacks.
- Speak concisely – 2-3 minutes per speaker is the goal so all can be heard.



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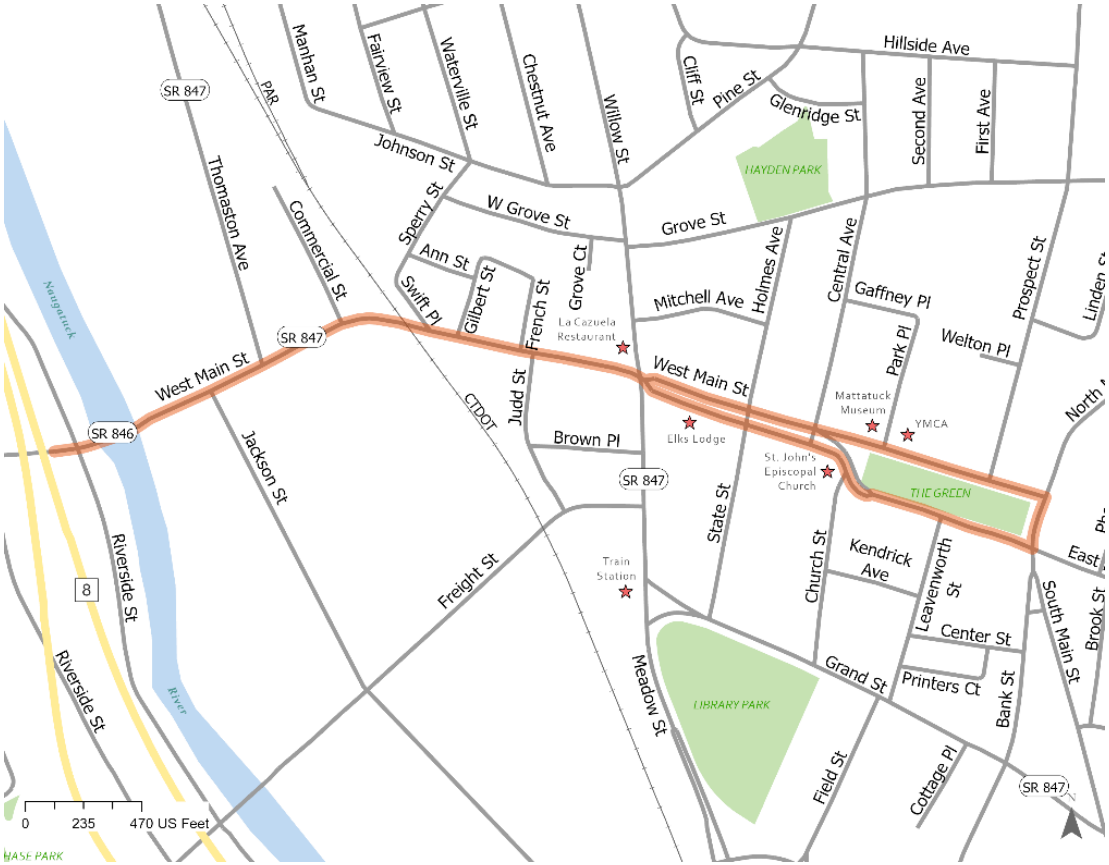

- What part(s) would you want to preserve?
- What is your favorite area along the corridor?
- What are existing flaws in the corridor?
- In what ways can this corridor improve?
- What are some potential limitations when rethinking the corridor?

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Next Steps

- Project Website www.westmainstudy.com
  - Interactive Map Feature
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/NaugatuckValleyCOG
- Twitter @NVCOGct
- Remaining Project Schedule

Project Schedule

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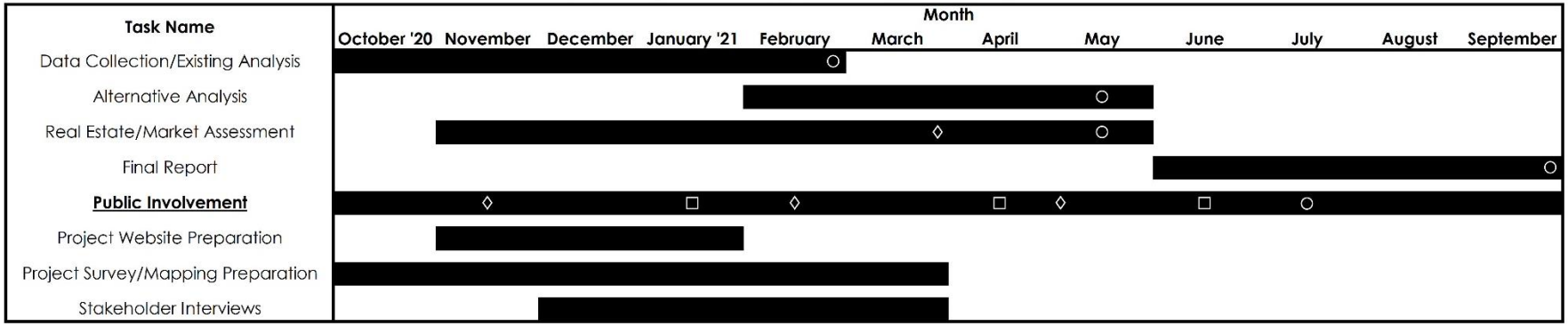

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