

WILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAFFIC SURVEY

Danbury Rd south of the YMCA

September 28, 2023

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To: Wilton Local Traffic Authority

From: Lieutenant David Hartman

Date: September 28, 2023

Re: Sidewalk on Danbury Rd between the YMCA crosswalk and south to the businesses.

Request

In November of 2022 Nicole Wilson-Spiro emailed and called me regarding no safe option for Wilton High School students to cross Rt 7 on foot and to access the businesses on the eastern side of Danbury Rd. Her children and others are forced to run across all four lanes of traffic. She requested that the State of CT install a sidewalk between the crosswalk at the Wilton YMCA and the business to better assist pedestrian traffic.

Site Survey

Rt 7 (Danbury Rd) is a State of CT roadway which runs north to south. In the location of Wilton High School there are four lanes of traffic except at the north entrance to WHS there are five lanes due to the north bound left turn lane. There currently is a signalized crosswalk from the north driveway of WHS to the driveway of the Wilton YMCA however there is no safe walking space from the YMCA driveway south bound to the businesses on Rt 7. This signalized crosswalk is the only crosswalk anywhere near the Wilton High School to assist pedestrians looking to cross Rt 7 traffic. Rt 7 was recently paved in this area and lines are in the process of being reapplied in the following days.

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This picture from Googlemaps.com is looking southbound on Rt 7. The crosswalk from WHS to the YMCA on the left side of the picture is visible. On the eastern side of the crosswalk pedestrians are met with a ramp and sidewalk.

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This Googlemaps.com picture shows the area in question where a sidewalk is requested.

Recommendation

After reviewing the above mentioned area I can see that there is no safe walking location for pedestrians to access the businesses on the eastern side of the road if they are coming from the WHS area. The crosswalk in front of the YMCA is the only crosswalk on Rt 7 in any close proximity to WHS. I recommend that the Wilton LTA request the State of CT DOT to review options to enhance pedestrian safety in this area to include a sidewalk from the YMCA to the businesses.