

## MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS

The proposed improvement generally consists of constructing a concrete sidewalk along Main Street, Glastonbury, and State Route 17 (Main Street). The total length of new walk to be constructed is approximately 7,250 feet and it would connect to existing walk located at the Main Street/Whapley Road intersection at the northerly limit and the Route 17/Stockade Road intersection at the southerly limit. Construction as proposed would eliminate a significant sidewalk gap and would result in a continuous strand of sidewalk between the commercial centers of North and South Glastonbury. It would also provide continuous pedestrian access from South Glastonbury into the neighboring town of East Hartford, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles.

In recent years, the Town of Glastonbury has expended local funds on sidewalks for Main Street in three separate phases. The Town has listed this proposal within its five-year Capital Improvements Program for several years and the Town Council has directed staff to proceed with design and permitting.

Main Street, Glastonbury, is an arterial roadway with high traffic volumes and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile vehicular speeds approaching 50 miles per hour. There is virtually no shoulder within most of the proposed project limits and there are numerous residential areas that intersect with Main Street. In addition, there are numerous residential homes on Main Street itself. The proposal would provide safe pedestrian access to commercial centers north and south of these residential areas. It is common to see individuals using existing Main Street sidewalks as part of their daily work/jog route. Thus, there is a recreational/health component to the proposal as well.

