

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Town Plan and Zoning Commission

To: Town Plan and Zoning Commission
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: April 3, 2020
Subject: **Petition #14-20: Sec. 8-24 Referral of Proposed Re-Alignment of Robbins Avenue. Town of Newington, owner/applicant.**

Description of Petition #14-20:

This “complete street” project will reduce the Robbins Avenue four lane minor arterial down to two lanes, and create bike lanes on each side of the street. The elimination of the second west-bound and east-bound lanes between Main Street and Maple Hill Avenue will slow down through traffic.

The plans call for a slight realignment of curbing at several spots, so the Town Council has referred the project to TPZ for a “report” in accordance with Sec. 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Staff Comments:

Sec. 8-24 reads (in part) as follows:

“No municipal agency or legislative body shall (1) locate, accept, abandon, widen, narrow or extend any street, bridge, parkway or other public way...until the proposal to take such action has been referred to the commission for a report.”

The Town Engineer is the staff person managing this project. See his memo, attached.

I have reviewed the “Transportation” section of the current POCD to see if this project either promotes or is inconsistent with its goals and strategies. The notion of bicycles as a means of transportation (as opposed to being solely for recreation) is not reflected anywhere in the current plan, so I would say this project neither promotes nor is in conflict with the POCD.

I recommend TPZ issue a favorable report.

cc:
Town Engineer
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