



**POSSIBLE
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STATEMENT**

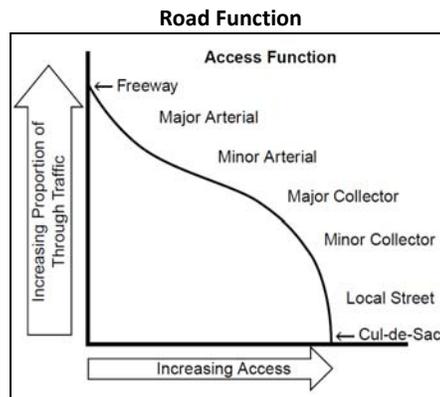
Provide for safe and efficient vehicular transportation to meet community needs.

Transportation systems in Newington are important in the day-to-day life of the community. Transportation systems should be managed and maintained to meet community needs, efficiently and cost effectively.

Vehicular Roadways

Newington’s system of public roads fulfills three basic functions and the map on page 3 shows which roads serve which function:

- Primarily connecting Newington to other areas (arterial roads),
- Conveying traffic from local roads to main roads (collector roads), and
- Primarily accessing individual properties (local roads).



Overall, Newington has a good roadway network and the need for new connecting roads has not been identified.

East Cedar Street



Fenn Road



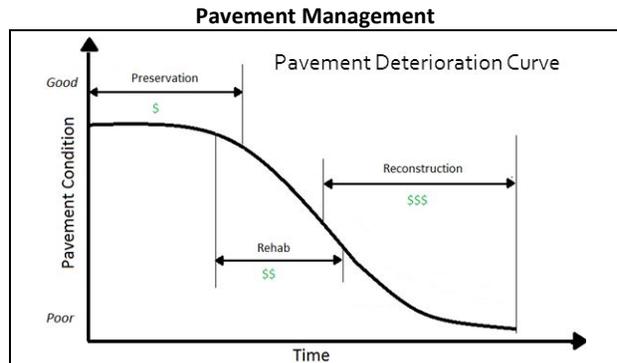
Newington experiences significant traffic volumes on major roadways due to its population, employment, retail destinations, major roadways (such as the Berlin Turnpike), and proximity to major population centers. This can result in congestion and delays along major roadways and at key intersections.

Safety and congestion issues on State highways are addressed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation as they are identified and prioritized. Likewise, the Town of Newington is responsible for addressing these issues on local roadways. In order to maintain roadway capacity and safety, the Town requires submission of an access management plan (Section 5.3.4.6 of the Zoning Regulations) and then uses that information to evaluate opportunities to reduce the number of curb cuts and share driveway access as part of its development review process.

In addition, there are some roadway improvement needs which have been identified and/or programmed:

- Installation of a roundabout at Fenn Road / Ella Grasso Boulevard.
- intersection improvements on Cedar Street at the location of the proposed train station (which may include reconfiguration of the Alumni Road / Maple Hill Avenue intersection).
- Repair / renovation of bridges.

Pavement maintenance is a continuing concern and funding constraints have resulted in a reactionary (rather than a proactive) approach to road maintenance and repairs. There are visual indications of pavement degradation.



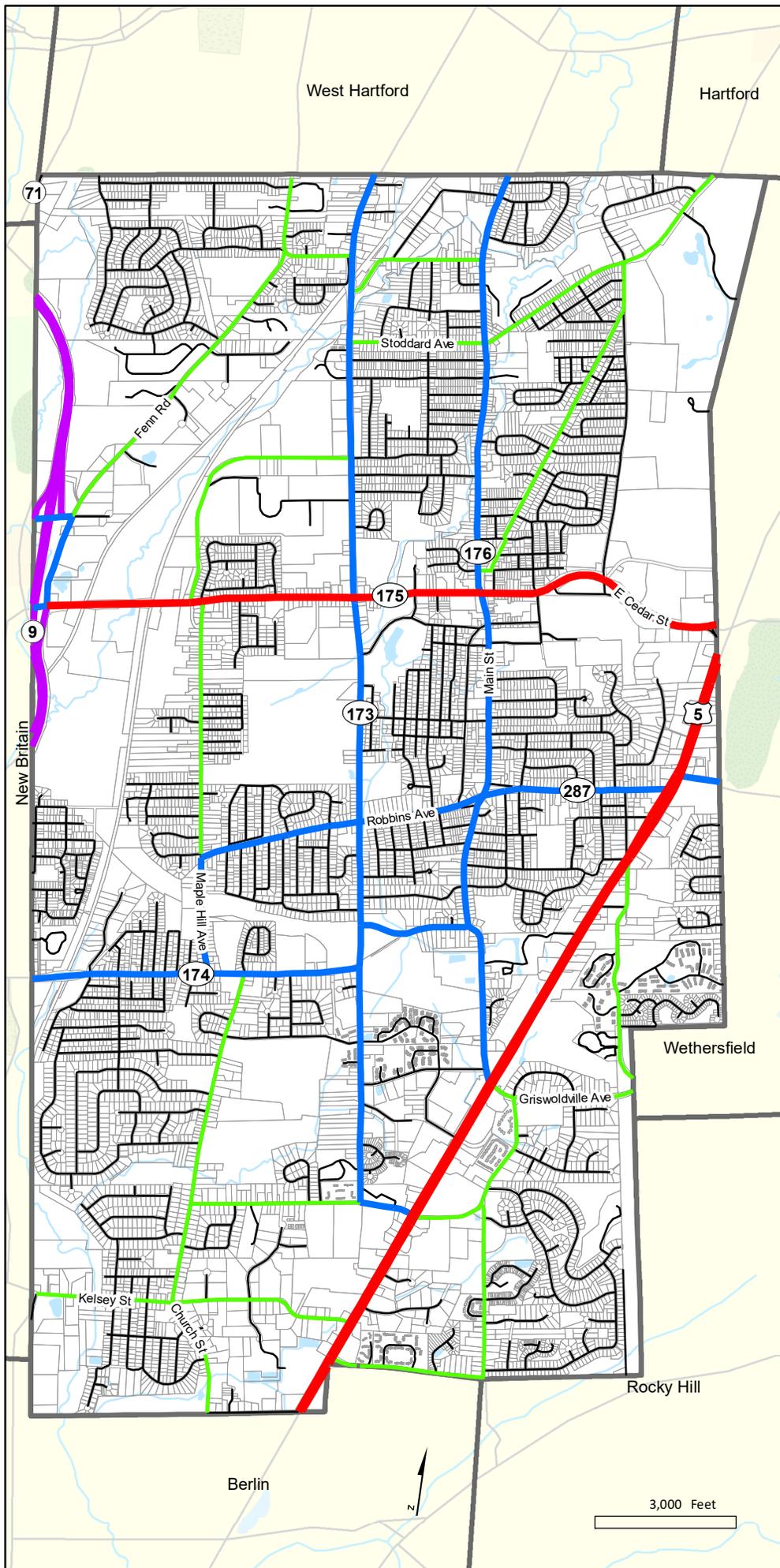
Over the long term, experience has shown that it is more cost effective to be pro-active about maintaining roads in good condition (crack sealing, etc.) rather than letting roads deteriorate to the point where more expensive approaches (repaving, reconstructing, etc.) are required.



Road Classification

Newington, CT

-  Limited Access Highway
-  Major Arterial
-  Minor Arterial
-  Collector
-  Local



Do these policies and action steps make sense for Newington?

Are there any policies or action steps you feel should be added or deleted?

POSSIBLE STRATEGIES FOR 2020 POCD

A. POLICIES (Strategies anticipated to continue over time)

1. Continue to address potentially hazardous issues (safety and capacity) on State highways and local roadways while minimizing possible impact to property outside the road right of way.
2. Strive to direct non-residential traffic to the arterial and collector street network and discourage it from using local residential streets.
3. Strive to fund road maintenance as efficiently and economically as possible.
4. Maintain the quality of streets through a comprehensive capital improvement program.

B. ACTION STEPS (Specific tasks intended to implement the POCD)

- 1. Reestablish the pavement management system in order to be able to systematically track pavement condition over time.
- 2. Relocate the access management provisions (ZR Section 5.3.4.6) from a site plan submission requirement to a distinct regulation section.
- 3. Complete installation of a roundabout at Fenn Road / Ella Grasso Boulevard.
- 4. Undertake intersection improvements on Cedar Street at the location of the proposed train station (which may include reconfiguration of the Alumni Road / Maple Hill Avenue intersection).
- 5. Repair / renovate bridges.

Pavement Management

