



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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## Hamden Begins Waite Street Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Project

**HAMDEN** – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng and Police Chief Thomas Wydra are very pleased to announce that work has begun on traffic calming improvements starting from Whitney Avenue and working up along Waite Street in Hamden. The Hamden Traffic Authority reviewed numerous requests from Hamden residents for the installation of several traffic calming measures on Waite Street. Upon further review and consideration, and after meetings between the Administration, residents, and commission, the Hamden Traffic Authority voted unanimously to proceed with the installation and construction of significant improvements.

Once the project is completed, Waite Street will benefit from safety and traffic calming improvements including: new sidewalks and curb cuts, new crosswalks with in-street pedestrian totem signage, improved line and street paving, traffic signage and more. The project will connect Whitney Avenue and Ridge Road via sidewalk routes, helping to eliminate dangerous pedestrian situations and provide safer and walkable access to Basset Park. The improvements are expected to be completed in 2016, with final punch list items wrapping up in early 2017.

Commenting on the project, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng said, “These improvements will drastically increase pedestrian safety in the Waite Street area, and will provide residents with much safer walkable access to recreational and commercial areas along Whitney Avenue and Ridge Road. I thank Police Chief Wydra and the Hamden Traffic Authority for their diligent work in making this project possible, and I look forward to continuing similar efforts in many areas of Town where we are working hard to implement real pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements.”