



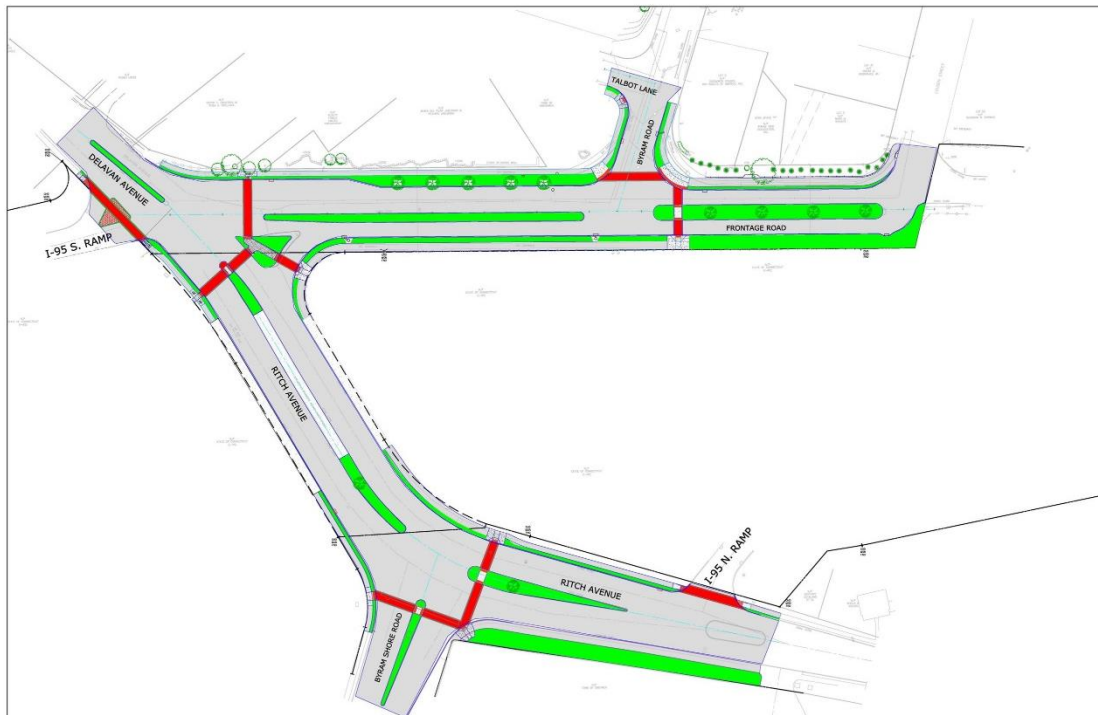
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Improvement Project for Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Avenue to Begin Next Week

Project to Add New Safety Elements for Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Motorists

Greenwich, CT., September 15, 2021 – The Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Avenue Improvement Project will commence on Tuesday, September 21. Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works devised this project after identifying an opportunity to make this area more pedestrian and bicyclist-friendly, along with incorporating traffic calming measures.

To improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, a multi-use trail that connects Frontage Road to Byram Park will be added. The current four-foot-wide sidewalks will be expanded to 5 feet. In order to accommodate bicyclists, portions of the sidewalk along Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Street will be widened to 8 feet. Crosswalk improvements is included in this project.



Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Avenue Improvement Project rendering.

Traffic calming is a significant component of this project. The road medians will be widened to narrow the travel lanes, which reduces opportunities for speeding and aggressive driving. This

project will also modify the traffic signal at the Delevan Avenue and Frontage Road intersection, and the Ritch Avenue and Byram Shore Road intersection to improve traffic conditions. A new mast arm and pedestrian signals will be installed, along with adding a left turn only signal on Delavan Avenue travelling northbound onto Frontage Road.

Other features of this project include installing new granite curbing, bituminous concrete sidewalk, and ADA compliant ramps, along with making modifications to storm drain pipes and catch basins.

Project highlights:

- Redesigning lane widths as a traffic calming measure
- New eight-foot-wide multi-use trail connecting to Byram Park
- Improving the traffic signal at the Delevan Avenue and Frontage Road intersection, and the Ritch Avenue and Byram Shore Road intersection
- Improving pedestrian signals
- Adding access ramps
- Installing new granite curbing, accessible sidewalk width, and bituminous concrete sidewalk
- Redesigning turning movements
- Modifying storm drain pipes and catch basins

It is anticipated that one lane traffic will start around the third week of October during the median construction. Construction is projected to end January 2022 and will be completely finished by Spring of 2022 after Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Avenue are paved. Project completion is dependent on weather and any unforeseen complications. This project is funded by the State of Connecticut's Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program. It is recommended that the public gives themselves extra time when going out in case there is a lane closure or extra traffic due to construction. Read all signs and be aware of two-way traffic occurring in one lane. The contractor for this project is A. Vitti Excavators, LLC of Stamford, CT. Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works Civil Engineer, Sean Cardwell, is the project manager for the Frontage Road, Delavan Avenue, and Ritch Avenue Improvement Project.



Image of Frontage Road to Delavan Avenue prior to project construction.

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The [Department of Public Works](#) is committed to providing a variety of services that are of vital importance to the town and residents of Greenwich, CT. This includes but is not limited to highway/roadway maintenance, sewer upkeep, stormwater management, waste disposal and recycling, building inspection and the improvement of public infrastructure.

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