



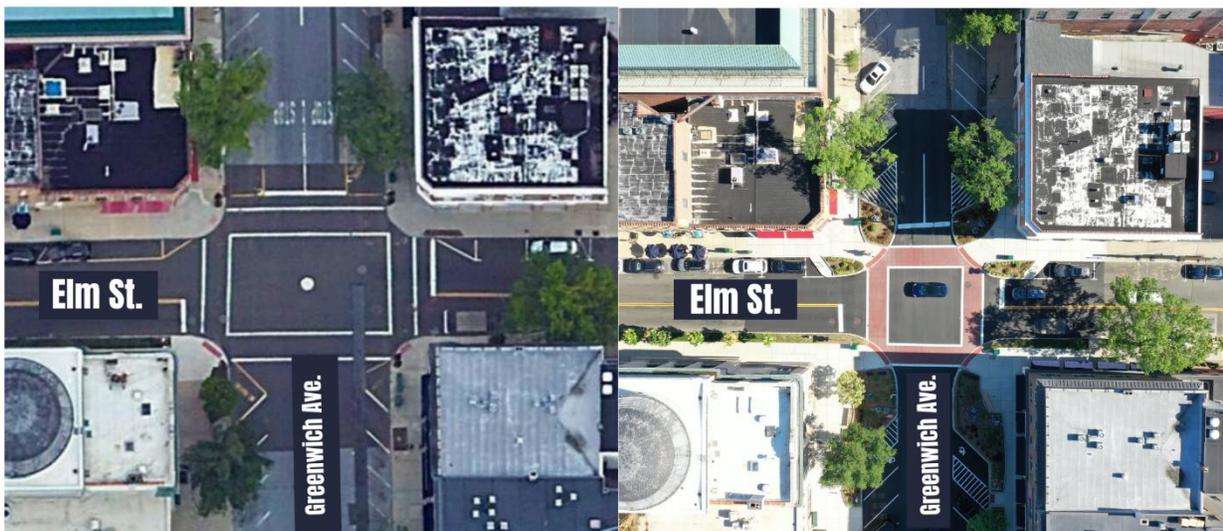
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Town Celebrates Greenwich Ave. and Elm St. Intersection Redesign Project at Ribbon Cutting

Intersection First of Several Intended Revitalization Projects

Greenwich, CT., June 17, 2021 – First Selectman Fred Camillo, the Department of Public Works and the Town of Greenwich community will join together on Monday, June 21, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the redesigned Greenwich Ave. and Elm St. intersection. This is the first location of several intersections that are intended to be improved on Greenwich Ave.

The Greenwich Ave. and Elm St. intersection improvement project is a complete streets type of design and was created in an effort to reinvigorate Greenwich Ave, an iconic shopping destination in the heart of Central Greenwich. Complete streets is a way of designing and engineering safe, convenient and comfortable street access for people of all ages and abilities. The safety experience of all street users – including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and people with disabilities – are taken into account when planning the project.



Aerial view before construction.

Aerial view after construction.

With safety and aesthetics in mind, this project built new curb extensions (a.k.a. bump-outs) to decrease pedestrian crossing distances, raised the intersection, added new planting beds, new decorative crosswalks, two new bike racks, new benches and relocated lighting, drainage and amenities. A major safety feature are the curb extensions – it reduces the pedestrian crossing distance by at least 40 percent. Another safety component is the raised roadway, which improves visibility between pedestrians and motorists, while slowing the speed of vehicles as they proceed through the busy intersection. To give better illumination for pedestrians, lights were relocated closer to crosswalks.

Two designated accessible parking spaces have been retrofitted to meet all current codes. These spaces provide dedicated access to the sidewalk from the parking space, never requiring a person to go into the roadway. Since this project raised the intersection and crosswalks, there is a level pathway making it easier for those who have disabilities to travel. Ramps are no longer needed to access the sidewalk. A dedicated spot next to the new benches was added for wheelchair users.

Greenwich Ave. and Elm St. intersection improvement project also includes lining of the drainage and sanitary sewer lines to further extend their lifespan, and a reduction in impervious areas. This intersection improvement project was designed by the Town of Greenwich's Department of Public Works, Engineering Division. Graphic material and landscape design assistance was provided by SLR International Corporation (formerly Milone & MacBroom, Inc.), Cheshire, CT and the project was constructed by FGB Construction Company, Norwalk, CT.

Features of the redesigned Greenwich Ave. and Elm St. intersection:

- Curb extensions (a.k.a. bump-outs) to decrease crossing distance
- Raised intersection (including crosswalks)
- Decorative crosswalks
- Planting beds
- Relocated lighting
- Relocated drainage
- Lining of the drainage and sanitary sewer lines to further extend their lifespan
- Reduction in impervious areas.
- Relocated amenities (trash receptacles)
- Replaced sidewalks
- New bike racks and benches



New planting beds, decorative crosswalks and relocated lights are a few of the new improvements that can be seen in the images above.

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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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