The study has two primary objectives. The first objective is to increase overall mobility, modal choice, and safety for residents, businesses, employees, and visitors in the two corridors. The second objective is to ultimately decrease traffic congestion and its negative impacts on environment, economy, and quality of life.

Its recommendations will address all modes of transportation (bus, bike, pedestrian, auto, etc.) and seek to make modal connections and improvements that are consistent with land use planning goals, enhance economic stability, and improve quality of life.

The study is expected to be completed in approximately 12 months.

Getting Involved

One of the main goals of the study is to engage the community at a high level and make the process as transparent as possible.

Ways to get more information about the study and provide comments on the improvement alternatives include:

Visit the Project Website – There is a project website for the Long Ridge High Ridge Corridors Study at www.vhb.com/LRHRstudy. This website includes background information on the study as well as detailed information such as TAG and public meeting scheduling, information and materials. In addition, you can submit written comments on the “Contact Us” page.

Write Us – Please write us with your comments or concerns by sending a letter to:
Mr. Mani Poloja
City of Stamford Traffic Engineer
City of Stamford
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901
or submit a comment via the website at:
www.vhb.com/LRHRstudy

Attend a TAG or Public Meeting – This is a great place to learn more about the study through viewing and listening to study update presentations. There will be an opportunity for you to comment on all meetings, which are scheduled regularly throughout the study process. Meeting information is posted on the project website.

What will the final product be?

The product of the study will be a Comprehensive Corridors Improvement Plan. This plan of recommendations will aim to:
- Increase efficiency and safety for users of the Long Ridge Road and High Ridge Road corridors
- Identify access management techniques to better manage vehicular circulation among adjacent land uses
- Strengthen land use strategies to manage future growth and traffic volumes
- Promote multi- and intermodal alternatives throughout the project study area

This Comprehensive Corridors Improvement Plan will ultimately guide future investment in transportation improvements along the Long Ridge Road and High Ridge Road corridors through a program of recommended short, medium, and long-term. The plan will also establish strategies for managing land-use and growth consistent with the vision for each corridor.
Who is working on the study?

consultant team

The consultant team is led by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) of Middletown, Connecticut. Other members of the consultant team include Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, Inc. and Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. Team members will focus on the following areas:

VHB will provide specific expertise in the areas of transportation planning and engineering, transit and bike planning, access management, and land use planning. They are responsible for delivering the Comprehensive Corridors Improvement Plan.

Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, Inc. will provide expertise on walkability, and context sensitive solutions.

Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. will provide expertise and assistance in community and stakeholder involvement.

technical advisory group

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) was established to provide guidance and oversight to the City of Stamford and the consultant team on the overall study process.

The TAG will meet at periodic intervals during the study. All major elements to be included in the Comprehensive Corridors Improvement Plan will be reviewed and commented on by the TAG, including the assessment of improvement alternatives. In addition, the TAG will provide expertise on local issues and act as liaisons to the wider Stamford community.

The TAG consists of the following members:

- Mani Poola – City of Stamford Traffic Engineer
- Norman Cole – City of Stamford Land Use Bureau Chief
- David Head – CTDOT Planning
- Melanie Zimyeski – CTDOT Intermodal Planning
- Katherine Rattan – CTDOT Planning
- Susan Prosi – South Western Regional Planning Agency

What’s been going on so far?
data collection

Over the past few months, the VHB team have been compiling and reviewing the data necessary to understand the existing conditions in the study area. This has included work on the following:

Traffic
- Counting pedestrian and traffic volumes
- Looking at vehicle composition along the corridors
- Evaluating accident statistics
- Identifying roadway capacities and congestion hot spots
- Assessing pavement conditions
- Measuring travel times along the corridors
- Documenting transit options
- Reviewing bridge assessments
- Generally spending time on the corridors observing traffic conditions

Planning and Document Review
- Mining previous plans and studies for relevant data

Environmental
- Inventory of Natural Resources (wetlands, floodplains, T&E species, etc.)
- Inventory of Oil and Hazardous Materials
- Inventory of Historic/Cultural Resources

project schedule

| Phase 1 - Project Initiation, Evaluation of Existing Conditions |
| 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
| 1st Qtr |

| Phase 2 - Evaluation of Future Conditions |
| 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
| 1st Qtr |

| Phase 3 - Development and Evaluation of Improvements |
| 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
| 1st Qtr |

Technical Advisory Group TAG meetings

Public Meetings

Fact Sheets (4)

Newsletters (6)

* Stakeholder meeting this day also