



To: Simsbury Planning Commission

From: Glenn Chalder, AICP

Date: November 7, 2023

Subject: Input Received From Public Hearing On Proposed POCD

The attached pages organize comments received on the PROPOSED Plan of Conservation and Development.

- Verbal comments received at the public hearing held on October 24 at the Lower Level Meeting Room at the Simsbury Library (*summarized* in **red text**).
- Written comments received up to the close of the public hearing (*summarized* in **black text**).

Note that comments in these tables may be a synopsis of the actual comment made verbally or in writing. Commissioners are encouraged to reflect back on their recollections of the public hearing and to read the written comments.

Overall:

1. The comments have been organized by Section and by page number.
2. In some cases, the right-hand column suggests a possible action for consideration by the Commission.

Notation	Possible Approach
Make Change	The comment could be addressed in the way suggested
No Change	A change may not be warranted based on previous discussions
DISCUSS	Planimetrics seeks additional input from the Commission
MAP	Map Change
x	No change needed / requested

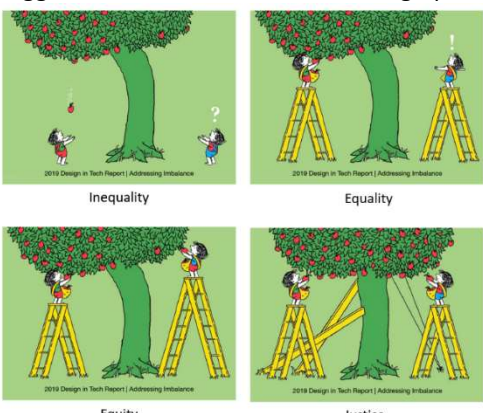
For the November 14 meeting, Commissioners are encouraged to read the comments and possible actions on the following pages.

- **If you feel the possible action is appropriate, you may want to put a checkmark in the margin.**
- **If you do not feel the possible action is appropriate, you may want to put an "X" in the margin.**

In this way, the meeting time can focus on the "discuss" items and areas where you may not agree with the possible action.

INTRODUCTION

General				
1. Replace the “2023-2033” range in the title with “2024”	Staff / Chalder	ALL		Make Change
2. In all implementation tables, remove yellow highlighting of the “Priority” column but leave the column for possible future use.	Staff / Chalder	ALL		Make Change
3. Suggests using the term “Plan” for those maps with aspirational features, such as “opportunities,” “conceptual locations”, or “possible” future routes; and using the term “Map” for documentation of current conditions.	Thibodeau	ALL	MAP	Make Change

Preface				
4. Update cover letter	Chalder	-		Make Change
1. Plan Summary				
5. Last paragraph (para), second line: insert comma between “functional” and “and”	Staff	5		Make Change
6. Would like to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> incorporate the AARP definition of livability and definitions of each of the eight domains Report Simsbury’s livability score 	Thomas	6	Will result in adding 2 pages	Make Change
7. Inclusion side bar, last word: replace comma with period	Staff	7		Make Change
8. Feels the definition of equity in the sidebar needs review:	Boyko	7	Wording confuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated equal Results are equal 	Make Change
9. Merge concepts of justice, equity, and equality together	Butok			
10. Suggests equity definition in sidebar be amended: <i>“Equity is just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper and reach their full potential.”</i> Policylink, National League of Cities	Kodak			
11. Suggests sidebar be amended to add graphics 	Kodak			

12. Appreciates mention of disability issues but accessibility is more than ADA and Simsbury (and the POCD) need to do more on accessibility if Simsbury is to be recognized as an age-friendly community and a livable community	Yeisley	9	Under “social objectives”, add a new bullet stating “improve accessibility (physical and otherwise) to facilities and services”	Make Change
13. Environmental objective second bullet: replace period with comma mid-sentence; Economic objective first bullet: consider comma after the word “goods”	Staff	9		Make Change
14. Edit text in blue box to read “federally-designated Wild and Scenic River”	Rieger	10		Make Change
15. First para: replace red font in number 1 with blue font	Staff	12		Make Change
16. First para number 8, replace “enhanced” with “enhances”; insert comma in 1st and third bullet	Staff	13		Make Change
17. last para number 11, replace red font in number with blue font	Staff	13		Make Change
2. Conditions And Trends				
18. Sidebar, the affordable housing percentage here (4.8 %) is different than the percentage used on page 95 (5.08 %). Suggest using 5.08% for both references	Staff	20	Explain this better and estimate 2023 percentage based on 2020 housing count	Make Change
19. Requests text be changed to read “The unmitigated sprawl of European settlers into indigenous nations was frequently resisted by the families already stewarding the land.”	Masino		Suggest “The geographic expansion of European settlers into areas already occupied by Indigenous nations was frequently resisted by families already living there	Make Change
20. Review land use designations of Hartford Insurance parcel and Evans land across the street – should both be “vacant”?	Evans	22	MAP Show as vacant	Make Change
21. Check zoning designation of Evans land at Old Canal Way – is it Industrial?	Evans	23	MAP Show as Industrial zone	Make Change
22. 2nd to last paragraph refers to population in 2000 as over 21,000. The population for 2000 is listed as 23, 234 in the table on page 18.	Thibodeau	17	Remove sentence or reword with updated data	Make Change
3. Community Issues And Concerns				
<< No Comments >>				

WHAT WE WANT TO PROTECT (CONSERVATION)

4. Protect Natural Resources And Enhance Ecological Health				
23. Edit text to read "The federally designated Wild and Scenic Farmington River is the main watercourse in Simsbury."	Rieger	32	Suggest "The Farmington River – a federally designated Wild and Scenic River - is the main watercourse in Simsbury."	Make Change
24. Second para, replace red font with black font	Staff	34		Make Change
25. Edit text in blue box to read "A federally designated Wild and Scenic River (2019)."	Rieger	34	Correct spelling of "Science" to "Scenic"	Make Change
26. Add "LFSWS" as a partner on Policy D	Chalder	36		Make Change
27. Requests Policy F be modified to read "Seek to <i>inventory and</i> preserve environmentally sensitive areas identified in the DEEP Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB), or in similar inventories <i>and add species to the NDDB.</i> "	Masino / OSC	36	Leave policy / Add action step: <i>Undertake natural resource inventories to add species to the NDDB database</i>	Make Change
28. Requests review of Natural Resources Map relative to Evans land at Old Canal Way (FEMA and NDDB)	Evans	35	MAP Designations are correct	No Change
29. Feels there is inconsistency in the POCD between the use of "ecological" and "environmental" (submitted pages to George)	Van Cleeve		Make changes as appropriate	Make Change
5. Preserve Open Space				
30. Throughout the POCD, change Farmington Valley Greenway (and FV Greenway) to Farmington Canal Heritage Trail	Thibodeau	ALL	MAP Text also	Make Change
31. Requests policy C.2 be deleted due to the fragile ecology along the trap rock ridges.	Masino / OSC	42	Remove "trap rock" and add "while respecting environmental sensitivity"	Make Change
32. Greenway/Blueway Trails Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retitle as a "Plan" • Indicate current access points to the Blueway (Pinchot, Curtiss, Flower Bridge, etc.)? 	Thibodeau	43	MAP	Make Change
33. Map Legend: Are McLean Refuge Connection and Blueway conceptual? Dashed lines seem to indicate future/conceptual on this map	Thibodeau	43	Yes MAP	
34. Goals/Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to E (1) – seek to work with adjoining towns ... • E (3) – Metacomet Trail to Tariffville village. 	Thibodeau	42		Make Change
35. Action Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadowood needs a Master Plan (or similar). 	Thibodeau	44		Make Change
36. Action Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend a trail connecting County Rd. to Hoskins so that kids could walk/bike to Squadron Line School 	Thibodeau	44		Make Change

6. Maintain And Enhance Community Ambience				
37. Check numbers / labels / locations on <u>map</u> and <u>table</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Forest Ethel Walker Woods (new) Massacoe State Forest (new) 	Masino	48 / 49	MAP	Make Change
38. On page 47, add #38 for “gun club” property to distinguish it from Tootin' Hills School property labelled #35 (and add number to map on page 49)	Masino	47 / 49	MAP Text also	Make Change
39. Correct page reference in blue boxes on pages 47-48 to refer to map on page 49 or map on page 50	Staff / Chalder	49		Make Change
40. On map, correct page references on blue box from “pages 45-46” to “pages 47-48”	Staff / Chalder	49	MAP	Make Change
41. In the map legend, change the name of Joseph Hall Farm to “J.L. Hall Farm”	Masino	52	MAP	Make Change
42. Requests review of Agricultural Resources Map relative to presence of farmland soil types	Evans	52		No Change
43. Requests review of Scenic Resources Map relative to location of green arrows	Evans	53	MAP Move green arrows east to illustrate views are from Route 10, not FV Greenway	Make Change
44. Darken property lines on PA-490 map	Staff / Chalder	55	MAP	Make Change

HOW WE WANT TO GROW (DEVELOPMENT)

7. Promote Places With A Sense of Place				
45. Complete streets including safe pedestrian infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, shared use trails, and safe crosswalks) and bike parking are essential to create strong, vibrant villages that can be enjoyed by all members of the community.	Thibodeau	60	Add policy on page 60	Make Change
46. For all villages: • Require new developments to have sidewalks	Thibodeau	60 - 80	Add to policies for each village	Make Change
47. For all villages: • Require new developments to have bike parking	Thibodeau	60 - 80	Moved to transportation section	No Change
48. For Simsbury Center: • “Provide for a system of sidewalk, crosswalk, and streetscape improvements ... to establish a safe and welcoming pedestrian environment”.	Thibodeau	70		Make Change
49. For Simsbury Center: • Would like POCD to advocate for completion / expansion of the Performing Arts Center (only completed half of their Master Plan)	Dornenburg	70	PAC mentioned on page 46, 47,63, 70, 82, and 84	Make Change
50. Tariffville Policy/Programs D&E – this may need an update due to recent sidewalk installation / repairs, crossings, and the new shared-use trail.	Thibodeau	72	Still relevant	No Change
51. Revisit text on page 78 which indicates “As a result, the POCD suggests some different approaches to different roadway segments.”	Staff / Consultant	78	Reword as “Due to the diverse characteristics of different areas along the roadway, the POCD suggests some different approaches to these different roadway segments.”	DISCUSS
52. Consider inserting pages 75 and 78 from the 2017 POCD with the following edits: • Strike A.3 on page 75 of 2017 POCD (re Curaleaf site) • Reword A.4 to reflect Action Step #1 in this POCD • Keep B. • Keep C. • Reword D.1 to encourage mixed use development • Strike D.3 since barns removed • Strike D.5	Staff / Consultant	78		DISCUSS

8. Promote Economic Development				
53. First para, consider enhancing the economic development narrative with broader, more detailed descriptions of the missions of the EDC, Chamber, and Main St. Partnership	Staff	83	<p>Economic Development Commission (EDC). Appointed by and advisory to the Board of Selectmen, the EDC is charged with the promotion and development of the Town's economic resources in accordance with the economic development goals set by the Board of Selectmen.</p> <p>Main St. Partnership (private non-profit). The Partnership's mission focuses on progressive economic development, recreation, tourism, and historic preservation. The Main St. Partnership is a nationally accredited Main Street program supporting Simsbury's businesses in Simsbury center and town-wide.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce (private non-profit). The Chamber is a member-driven organization supporting Simsbury businesses with local business events, networking opportunities, and community engagement.</p>	Make Change
54. At bottom "(continued on next page)" should be "(continued on page 86)"	Staff	84		Make Change
55. Requests change of Economic Development Plan to classify land at Old Canal Way as Industrial (not as non-business zone)	Evans	85	MAP	Make Change
56. Requests change of Economic Development Plan to classify land opposite Weatogue Park as business (car repair)	Evans	85	MAP Site is zoned residential?	No Change
9. Address Housing Needs				
57. Supports inclusion of affordable housing in the POCD. Feels there is much overlap of DEI Council goals and POCD goals	Kovac	87		
58. Edit sidebar in Affordable Housing chapter to make it clear that POCD recommends possibly redeveloping town land for housing, and, most important, make it clear that we are not planning on giving public open space to developers.	Masino	93	Change "provide Town-owned land" to "partner with others"	Make Change
59. Third para, the percentage used-5.08% is different than the percentage used for same on page 20 (4.8%). Suggest using 5.08% for both references	Staff	95	Explain this better and estimate 2023 percentage based on 2020 housing count	Make Change
60. Requests change of Residential Development Plan to classify land at Old Canal Way as "Currently Non-Residential Zone" (not as Special Residential Zone)	Evans	97	MAP	Make Change
61. Requests change of Residential Development Plan to classify land opposite Weatogue Park as "Currently Non-Residential Zone"	Evans	97	MAP Site appears to be zoned residential?	No Change

62. Requests word "Consider" be removed in Action Steps #'s 8-10 to demonstrate greater commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #8 – Establish zoning districts... ; • #9 – Increase the allowable building height..... (added thought- depending on what the Fire Dept can handle); and • #10 – Adopt an overlay zone.....). 	Dion	98	"Consider" was used since recommendation is to Zoning Commission and they are an independent entity	No Change
63. Feels some language in the POCD is vague and would favor a shift to more action-oriented and specific verbs (avoid "consider")	Kovac	98		
64. Would like diversity in the composition of the AH Committee	Kovac	98	Composition of AH Committee will be established by others	No Change
65. In Action Step #1 – I would hope the future Advisory Affordable Housing Committee would include a variety of members such as: current or potential residents of affordable housing, an attorney, real estate agent, business owner, landlord, architect, engineer, non-profit leader, etc.	Dion	98		
66. Requests that Action Step #8 not include the building of residences in or near "heavy industrial" zones because of their potential harm due to pollutants, noise or other factors	Dion	98	Simsbury does not really have heavy industrial zones / areas	No Change
67. Place periods at end of sentences number 4 and 11	Staff	98		Make Change
68. Requests inclusion of additional "common sense housing options" that help current residents and that use available funding sources and existing infrastructure without building more buildings including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect current residents and affordable options. • Require significant affordable component in approving zoning variances. • Work to improve state statute to ensure it promotes common-sense housing options. 	Masino / OSC		These "options" have been gleaned from other sources and some are not legal in CT	No Change
69. Supports development of housing in the Town Center, Tariffville, and other built areas through infill development, accessory dwelling units and suggests make this as explicit as possible	Sauls			Make Change
70. POCD should not ignore the impact of taxes on affordability and rising taxes may make housing unaffordable / unsustainable for existing residents to stay	Boyko		Add sidebar on page 91?	Make Change
71. Feels redevelopment of the Hartford Insurance Group site is a "land grab" and will result in exponential growth in the school system which will be exacerbated by housing growth in other areas of Simsbury	Gilbert			
72. Questions how [apartments and high density housing] will affect our housing market. It is proven that healthier housing markets directly correlate with higher academic achievement rates, something in which Simsbury takes great pride. Adding high-density & "affordable" housing could erode home values, thus affecting our already fragile school systems.	Grady			

73. ... adding high density apartments and homes will further strain school resources. In summary, I oppose any and all high-density housing developments and believe Simsbury should put a cap on all such development.	Grady			
74. I am also hoping that implementing affordable housing policies in a reasonable way will help to prevent builders from holding our town hostage with the excuse of [CGS Section 8-30g], ignoring existing zoning - plucking random small properties from the middle of a neighborhood and redeveloping to include a small number of designated "affordable" units.	Pomerantz			
10. Promote Sustainability & Resiliency				
75. Last bullet, first side bar. Place period and end.	Staff	101		Make Change
76. Feels there should be more mention of climate change in the POCD	Van Cleeve	102	Discussed on page 102	No Change
77. Requests addition of action step: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable a quantitative analysis of sustainability claims for proposed projects. 	Masino	104	Too detailed. Sustainability Committee can do	No Change
78. Requests addition of action step: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider opportunities for microgrids to make the town less susceptible to disruption. 	Masino	104	Merge Policy F with Policy C and add this as Policy C	Make Change
79. Item H, place period at end	Staff	104		Make Change
80. Include transportation in Sustainability chapter since DEEP says the transportation sector accounts for 38% of Connecticut's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is its largest source so:	Thibodeau	102	Add into sidebar	Make Change
81. Policies and On-Going Programs (from Transportation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Seek to expand and improve the pedestrian and bicycle transportation options available to residents , workers and visitors. M. Seek to expand transit options available to residents , workers and visitors. N. Encourage all new housing developments to be near public transit. 	Thibodeau	102		
82. Sustainability Committee supports the Sustainable CT process, but would not put it first on the list of Action Steps	Scully	104		Make Change
83. Commends POCD aspirational focus on sustainability. However, feels some concepts need to be moved into local regulations, procedures, and programs so that they become reality	Scully	104	Add action step to "Seek ways to consider sustainability as part of the review and approval process (zoning, building, etc.	Make Change
84. If we are to make progress on our sustainability aspirations, requests the POCD include recommendation to integrate sustainability into the broader process of town reviews, leaving it to the town leadership to work out the process for doing so	Scully	104		
85. Requests action step be added about inserting sustainability goals into the zoning regulations	Van Cleeve	104		
86. Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. add: and green transportation 	Thibodeau	104		Make Change

87. Would like for Town to have an “energy use dashboard” so that residents could see energy usage at facilities in real time	Scofield		Too detailed. Sustainability Committee can do	No Change
88. Likes the idea of the Town having a sustainability coordinator as a staff person	Scofield	104		
89. Advocates for Simsbury to seek funding for an Energy Manager to complement a "town sustainability coordinator". With resources now available through large government programs like the Inflation Reduction Act as well as state level initiatives, Simsbury could benefit from dedicated consultants or employees who have the work goal of positioning Simsbury for more sustainable energy use in the near and long term.	Olson	104	Too detailed. Roles and responsibilities could be combined as resources permit	No Change

What We Want To Provide (Infrastructure)


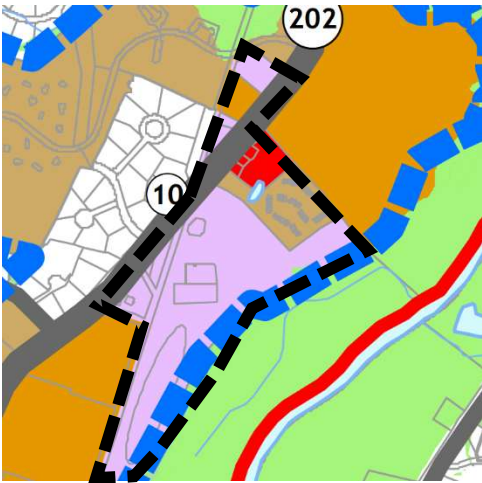
11. Enhance Community Facilities				
90. was dismayed to find that information about our schools was left out of the infrastructure planning. Schools are a crucial part of our infrastructure, and in Simsbury, they are integral to the town's character and appeal. I urge you to acknowledge that our schools are currently overcrowded and strained for resources, and adding more apartments and high density housing will exacerbate this problem.	Grady	107	Comment made relative to affordable housing Statement on page 107 acknowledges possibility of capacity issues	No Change
91. Would like POCD to advocate for air filtration / air turnover at schools	Butok	107	Too detailed	No Change
92. Feels Town Forest Pond is a local gem that should be recognized in the POCD. Feels the pond needs to be refurbished (dredging, beach, etc.)	Biggs	109	Too detailed	No Change
93. Requests that Community Gardens be referenced in the POCD	Pomerantz	109	MAP Add to map on page 109	Make Change
94. Actions Steps, remove highlight in number 6	Staff	110		Make Change
12. Address Transportation Needs				
95. In first paragraph, indicate Rt. 10 south and Nod Rd. south are additional routes out of Simsbury leading east (Hartford) via Rt. 44 Avon.	Thibodeau	112	Sentence says "in Simsbury"	No Change
96. Access Management: Consider replacing "accidents" with "collisions" or "crashes."	Thibodeau	112		Make Change
97. I would like to see that roadway safety is a priority in how we maintain and improve our transportation system – for all road users including motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to design consistent with our Complete Streets Resolution (2016) and CT DOT policy, there is a need for consistent traffic enforcement to improve safety for all.	Thibodeau	112	In the goals on page 117	No Change
98. Suggests review of proposed roads/road extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolcott to County Road Iron Horse 	Masino	113	MAP	DISCUSS
99. Feels Iron Horse Extension concept was appropriate when Iron Horse Boulevard acted solely as a vehicular bypass. Feels adding vehicular traffic on Iron Horse Blvd.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> detracts from the aesthetic and environmental qualities of Iron Horse Blvd., decreases safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, draws vehicular traffic away from businesses on Hopmeadow St. in our town center. 	Thibodeau	113	MAP	DISCUSS


100. Prefers the 2-map version from the 2017 POCD (Vehicular Circulation Plan and the Other Transportation Map) as it more clearly communicates the transit system.	Thibodeau	113	MAP	No Change
101. Add the 901/926/927 (Avon-Canton, Winsted and Torrington Express)	Thibodeau	113	MAP	Make Change
102. Add bus stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simsbury Pines/Owen Murphy Apts. • on Albany Turnpike at Staples/McDonalds 	Thibodeau	113	MAP Add bus stops if on CT Transit schedule	Make Change
103. Reduce the size of the icons for the bus stops and commuter lots so that their locations on the map are clearer	Thibodeau	113	MAP Refine Weatogue location	Make Change
104. Walking Distance shading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add shading for the Route 44 route • Remove shading for Rt. 185 (no bus stops) 	Thibodeau	113	MAP	Make Change
105. Could a biking distance shading be added? (Not sure what is used as a walking distance)	Thibodeau	113	MAP	No Change
106. Add other public transit like Dial-A-Ride and place icons at typical stops like the Senior Center, Fitz, Big Y, etc.	Thibodeau	113	MAP	No Change
107. We currently do not have a bike share program.	Thibodeau	114		Make Change
108. Suggests POCD recommend Simsbury work with adjacent towns to provide more / better transit services	Thomas	114		Make Change
109. Will the incorporation of the 2018 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan into the POCD apply to future updates of the Ped-Bike Master Plan?	Thibodeau		Would be considered at that time	No Change
110. Recommend a Complete Streets Policy or Vision Zero Policy/approach. This would be consistent with efforts at the state level.	Thibodeau		Simsbury adopted a "philosophy" and continues to implement	No Change
111. For all villages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require new developments to have sidewalks 	Thibodeau			Make Change
112. Walk/Bike Maps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be nice to use consistent color coding in these two maps. • It would be nice if our small neighborhood connector trails could be included, as they are part of the bike and ped network (e.g., Red Stone to Adams, Hearthstone to Firetown, etc. – see Ped-Bike Master Plan Map (pg. 46). • New Tariffville-Bloomfield Trail section is omitted. It should be distinguishable from the conceptual section. • Add shared-use trail between Watson Dr. and the Apple Barn. • Add shared-use trail along Hopmeadow St. by Aspen Green between Lincoln Lane and Blue Ridge Dr. 	Thibodeau	115 / 116	MAP Refer to Bike/Ped Master Plan Map was prepared using Town-GIS layers Will seek to include data where available	Make Change

<p>113. Walking Plan :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Areas Where Side Walks Are DESIRED” • It would be nice if shared-use trails could be distinguished from sidewalks. • The FV Greenway extension line is difficult to see. • Owens Brook Trail is complete to Firetown Rd. • Add sidewalk along Hopmeadow St. between Blue Ridge Dr. and Avon border • Add north-end sidewalk on Hopmeadow St. between Antonio’s and CT DOT/Park and Ride • Add conceptual location for new sidewalk on Firetown Rd. between Plank and West St. 	Thibodeau	115	<p>MAP Refer to Bike/Ped Master Plan</p> <p>Map was prepared using Town-GIS layers</p> <p>Will seek to include data where available</p>	Make Change
<p>114. Biking Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be nice if shared-use trails could be distinguished from On-road Locally identified Bicycle Routes (example: Owens Brook Blvd.) • Rt. 189 in Tariffville got left off. It would be a red, least suitable route IMO (not sure what CT DOT says) • It would be nice to indicate schools, like in the Walking Plan • CT DOT’s suitability designations for bicycling routes are scary. Rt. 44 is not given designation of Least Suitable. Rt. 309 over the west side is assigned completely Suitable. (I don’t even consider 309 by the high school as Suitable.) 	Thibodeau	116	<p>MAP Refer to Bike/Ped Master Plan</p> <p>Map was prepared using Town-/ State GIS layers</p> <p>Will seek to include data where available</p>	Make Change
<p>115. Action Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating a mountain bike trail system, etc. 	Thibodeau	44		Make Change
<p>116. For all villages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require new developments to have bike parking. 	Thibodeau		Encourage / require	Make Change
<p>117. Consider developing a plan for municipal bike racks with village or Simsbury themes.</p>	Thibodeau	60		Make Change
<p>118. Transportation Goals/Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability should be incorporated into our Transportation Goals/Strategies (increase connectivity for bike-ped network to decrease motor vehicle use, increase access to transit, etc.) 	Thibodeau	117	Refer to sustainability	Make Change
<p>119. Transportation Goals/Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to say more about safety for all road users, not just level of service and function of vehicular transportation 	Thibodeau	117	Safety already included	No Change
<p>120. Transportation Goals/Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to Implement Rt 10 Study Recommendations is included in the bike/ped Policies and Programs but not here in Vehicular. Should it be in both? 	Thibodeau	117	See Policy J on page 118	No Change

<p>121.Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O (1) delete "(on Route 10)" as we have transit on Rt. 44, • Rt 189 and Bradley Airport were in the 2017 POCD as other possible transit routes 	Thibodeau	118		Make Change
<p>122.Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P- keep parking lots, but move the rest (carpools to shared transportation) to O(4) 	Thibodeau	118		Make Change
<p>123.Action Steps: Just one Action is listed for the whole chapter. Consider other possible Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement recommended improvements of Ped-Bike Master Plan • Consider formalizing/funding a Town Bike Ped Coordinator and/or joint position with Simsbury Public Schools. This position could seek grants, work with town partners in implementing the Ped-Bike Master plan, coordinate SPS's bike safety education program and Safe Routes to School, etc. • Adopt regulations to require sidewalks and/or shared-use trails, and bike parking where appropriate, as part of new development. 	Thibodeau	118		Make Change
13. Address Utility Infrastructure Needs				
<< No Comments >>				

LOOKING AHEAD

14. Future Land Use Plan				
124. First para; replace "123" in first sentence with "125"	Staff	123		Make Change
125. "The map on page 123 illustrates" - should be page 125	Thibodeau	123		Make Change
126. On Future Land Use Map, suggest replacing "Industrial Zone" area along Hopmeadow north of the Big Y, with "Other Business." This area is more likely to attract a more mixed-use style of development and is more consistent with policy direction for this area 	Staff	125	MAP	Make Change
127. On Future Land Use Map, suggest areas along Hopmeadow south of Hartford Insurance be reclassified as "Other Business" due to expected land use transitions to a mixed-use concept.. <u>Other supporting maps should also be revised</u> to reflect these changes. 	Staff	125	MAP	Make Change

<p>128. On Future Land Use Map, suggest revision based on residential property incorrectly shown as public/open space</p> 	Staff	125	MAP	Make Change
<p>129. In the legend, change red category from “Other Business Zone” to “Business”</p>	Staff / Chalder	125	MAP	Make Change
<p>130. Requests change of Future Land Use Plan to classify land at Old Canal Way as “Industrial” or “Business”</p>	Evans	125	MAP Show as Industrial	Make Change
<p>131. Requests change of Future Land Use Plan to classify land opposite Weatogue Park as or “Business”</p>	Evans	125	MAP Site is zoned residential	No Change
<p>132. Suggests retiring the idea of a connection from Iron Horse Boulevard south through EB complex to Route 10).</p>	Thibodeau	125	MAP Review both road connections (see comment #98)	DISCUSS
<p>15. Implement The POCD</p>				
<p>133. Edit second paragraph to remove highlight and reword to state that a prioritization exercise is recommended to be conducted in the future</p>	Staff / Chalder	128		Make Change
<p>134. Requests addition of action step to “Review and update interim POCD within 5 years”</p>	Masino	129		No Change
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<p>16. Next Steps</p>				
<p>136. Add the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee (acronym = LFSWS) to the “Legend for Leaders/Partners”. .</p>	Rieger			Make Change

OTHER

General			
137. Are we adding links to external sites, etc? It would make the document a lot more useful.			URLs can change over 10-year timeframe Have an appendix of terms / concepts Terms / concepts are searchable No Change
138. Believes it may be important to have some redundancy between POCD and individual master plans (Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan, Parks and Open Space Master Plan, etc.) since recommendations in the POCD will be more visible to Town leadership, boards and commissions	Thibodeau		POCD references other plans No Change
POCD Process / Adoption			
139. Requests that POCD adoption be postponed until new board members have been in place for one year	Nash		No Change
140. As a matter of best practice/transparency, the comment period should not close before the public hearing. What if people hear something they want to comment on at the hearing?	Masino		Public comment was accepted up until close of the public hearing. No Change
141. Feels the POCD update program occurred in the background	Boyko		
142. Commented that “Most people do not know about this update, and/or did not know it was a 10-year update since this all changed during the process itself. Up until October there was no information on where or by when to submit comments if you could not attend in person. A clear process will prevent a lot of confusion and that should be laid out at least conceptually and in writing ahead of time to the public and to all of the town boards and committees.	Masino		Comment may be related to a future update process
143. Please retain and publish the full record of public comments from this interim update as an addendum.	Masino		No Change
POCD Term			
144. Requests that POCD not be a 10-year document. With a new Town Manager and turnover on some major boards (BOS, ZC, PC, CC), feels that POCD should be revisited in a shorter time.	Nash		Planning Commission can update any or all parts early if they wish and/or configure the process as deemed best No Change
145. In conjunction with request for POCD update in five years, requests that update include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a statistically valid and collaborative survey of Town citizens on issues well-advertised opportunities, deadlines and mechanisms for public comments. A process which is outlined and specified up front so people know what to expect. A record of public comments from this interim update be kept and reviewed for relevance at the next update. 	Masino / OSC		

Other				
146. Opposes allowing individuals to <u>use their rental properties</u> as short term rentals. Neighborhoods should promote and protect community engagement and a sense of place. Short term rentals work against this concept.	Strillacci		Short -term rentals not really addressed in POCD	
147. Feels that some themes are vague and understands why but, as an engineer, would like more specificity	Scofield			