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From: **Monica Kirmayer** <mkirmayer@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM
Subject: We need to take care of our kids
To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

I support the Safe and Livable Streets ordinance!!

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From: **Susan H** <suska456@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 5:02 PM
Subject: Safe Streets
To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

Many Fairfield citizens, of both parties, have said to me that they are sick and tired of “partisan politics“ in town, clearly evidenced recently.

I write to ask you to vote in support of this ordinance despite the possible pull of your fellow members who refuse to let go of a non-sensical stance to consistently oppose the other party.

This ordinance, if passed, will benefit YOU and every member of your family living in our town as you move about in it!

Please PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, whether they be children or seniors, by allowing this to pass so it can begin NOW working to obtain grants which Westport did: “ Despite concerns about this being an election year, we urge RTM members to prioritize community safety over politics. Westport’s recent success obtaining grants was due to bipartisan support and the First Selectperson’s endorsement.”

Thank you!
Susan Hersh

Hello,

My name is Laura Comerford. I am a Stratfield resident, a Connecticut business owner, and an active member of my son's school and community. We love Fairfield, we've raised our son here & are constantly grateful for its resources. We love to walk the downtown neighborhoods, ride our bikes, rent scooters... Fairfield is a haven!

That being said, I am urging you to please support the Safe and Livable Streets Ordinance and vote YES to Complete Streets funding, to both save lives and improve our community's quality of life.

As stated in the Connecticut Examiner:

"...Bike and pedestrian injuries and deaths are a nationwide problem. To address this problem, the USDOT has created a \$5 billion grant program, prioritizing Towns with Complete Streets ordinances. New Britain and Westport have secured Complete Streets funding (\$32 million and \$450,000). Connecticut's DOT has also mandated Safe Streets design for all new projects...."

In this heated election year, please consider prioritizing community safety over politics. This is a bipartisan issue that benefits individuals, families, & children of our community. Bipartisan support was instrumental to Westport's recent success obtaining grants. Do not let indecision or inaction cause Fairfield to miss out on available grant money. Again, as succinctly stated in the CT Examiner:

"...Complete Streets will require future roadway planning and engineering to consider all users, not just cars. Key benefits:

1. Safety: Our goal is zero deaths achieved through thoughtful road and sidewalk designs.
2. Health: Promote activity and mental well-being with a network of pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation facilities.
3. Community: Enhance local businesses and community gathering spaces.
4. Climate: Reduce car use and promote cycling and walking.

Don't delay; it is time for the RTM to act. Lives are lost in an instant and applying for grants takes time. Let's build a safer Fairfield where children can walk or bike to school and everyone can move around without fear.

RTM members, a vote for Safe Streets demonstrates your dedication to improving Fairfield and enhances our chances of securing a portion of the \$5 billion USDOT grant. Together, we can create a safer and more livable community...."

Thank you so very much for your time regarding this important matter!

Sincerely,

Laura Comerford

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From: **Jeff Randolph** <jeffrey.randolph01@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 10:48 AM
Subject: Fairfield RTM Please Address Roadway Deaths
To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

Transportation Secretary Appeals to Local Leaders in Preventing Roadway Tragedies

Hundreds of mayors from across the nation heard a strong and clear message from U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg – one that we hope they will take to heart and to their streets back home:

Mayors have an indispensable role in addressing the devastating – but fixable – crisis of roadway deaths and injuries in our communities. And now is the time for change.

In his January 20, 2023 speech to the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC, Secretary Pete (formerly Mayor Pete) brought a keen understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing today's municipal leaders. Notably, he focused primarily on what he called ***"maybe the most acute and devastating problem in our entire transportation system.... We need to talk about roadway deaths in America."***

Please vote YES on the Safe Streets Ordinance.

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From: **Lissa Johnson** <lissamjohnson@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 9:44 PM

Subject: Complete Streets Ordinance

To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

Hello,

I will be away Monday night and cannot attend the meeting but want to voice my support for the Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you,
Lissa Johnson
21 Buena Vista Rd

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From: **Reini Knorr** <reiniknorr203@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 3:42 AM

Subject: RTM meeting 10/23/23 - Support the Safe and Livable Streets Ordinance

To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

Dear members of the RTM in Fairfield,

Thank you for your volunteer service to our town.

On October 23rd, please vote in support of the Safe and Livable Streets Ordinance, that you will be asked to consider and act on in item 9 of the meeting agenda.

As a bicycle commuter to and from work most days and avid walker of my neighborhood with my dogs in my spare time, the safety of our streets is paramount to me on a very personal level, and I am thrilled that all of my district's reps (4) are co-sponsors of the proposed ordinance.

The town of Fairfield is burdened with the collective trauma of too many crashes and fatalities involving pedestrians. It is more than high time to act and make our streets safer for all.

This is not a partisan issue. This is a quality of life issue affecting us all equally. By lending your support, you will help Fairfield increase its chances of securing valuable grant \$\$ from the US DOT \$5 billion grant program that are primarily awarded to Towns with Complete Streets Ordinances. Our neighbors in Westport were already successful with their application.

Voting yes on the Safe and Livable Streets Ordinance is common sense.

Thank you.

Reini

Reini Knorr
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Fairfield, CT 06825

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From: **Judith Proctor** <jcproctor@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 2:58 PM
Subject: Looking to Westport - Support Safe & Livable Streets
To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>, <rtmd10@fairfieldct.org>

Dear RTM Members,

With the news of Westport's \$450,000 grant a number of people have approached me asking why Fairfield has not been awarded a similar grant to study and implement safer streets. Our town needs to document our commitment to the Complete Streets policy which we've adopted.

The **Safe & Livable Streets Ordinance would create a clear focus** on traffic safety for all looking to avenues like the **USDOT funds** and others to follow through on much needed changes. We all want Fairfield to be a town where we can walk and bike for exercise as well as transport to jobs and retail which in turn creates less traffic.

Thank you for supporting the Safe & Livable Streets Ordinance this evening.

Respectfully,

Judy Proctor

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From: **Mario Bernardi** <mariobernardijr@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 1:38 PM
Subject: I support the Safe and Livable Streets ordinance
To: <rtm@fairfieldct.org>

Hi,

I support the Safe and Livable Streets ordinance

Thank you
Mario Bernardi
21 Lakeside Dr



October 22, 2023

To: Representative Town Meeting

Re: SUPPORT for SAFE AND LIVABLE STREETS ORDINANCE

Dear Members,

In 2018, the Fairfield Board of Selectmen endorsed a Complete Streets Policy to help create a better street environment for all types of users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public-transit riders and motorists. This policy was carefully crafted over a three-year period by the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Engineering, and Health Departments. It was recognized by Smart Growth America as one of the nation's top ten Complete Streets policies adopted that year.

Sustainable Fairfield enthusiastically supported the initiative because it was designed to make our town safer and healthier, revitalize our neighborhoods and increase property values.

Nevertheless, a policy is only as good as its implementation.

That is why we now support the proposed **SAFE AND LIVABLE STREETS ORDINANCE**. This ordinance would establish a "Complete Streets Coordinator," responsible for streamlining the process for improving the safety of Fairfield roads. All road improvement or maintenance projects in Fairfield proposed by the Town or State would be required to consider all users: homeowners, walkers, cyclists, the disabled, and drivers, ensuring equity throughout the process.

In the last four years, four pedestrian deaths and countless injuries highlight the road safety issues that need to be addressed urgently. For example, two and a half years after someone was killed crossing Mill Plain Road, a simple pedestrian crosswalk has yet to be painted. All Fairfield residents - particularly our children and seniors - need to feel safe walking or bicycling around town.

By failing to codify this policy into law, we are currently not eligible to receive major federal funding for improvement projects. Our neighboring town of Trumbull, for

example, is seeking \$11 million in Safe Streets funding. Without an ordinance, Fairfield cannot even apply for such funding.

Accordingly, Sustainable Fairfield requests that the RTM vote in favor of the **SAFE AND LIVABLE STREETS ORDINANCE** as an integral part of our Town's health, equity and public safety infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Wall, chair
Sustainable Fairfield Task Force