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## **Rep. McCarthy Vahey, First Selectman Tetreau Announce Planning Grant for Metro Center Area** *Fairfield to receive \$200,000 for transit-oriented development*

**State Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey** and **First Selectman Mike Tetreau** announced the State Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) selection of Fairfield as the recipient of a \$200,000 planning grant for development in the area of the Fairfield Metro Center.

The Town of Fairfield, with support from Rep. McCarthy Vahey, has submitted the project to the CT Department of Economic Development and Office of Policy and Management for consideration several years in a row.

The grant was awarded through OPM's Transit Oriented Development program, which provides grants to municipalities for the development of residential and commercial centers within walking distance of public transportation facilities. Funding for the grants was approved by the State Bond Commission in May.

"These funds provide a tremendous opportunity for Fairfield to partner with community stakeholders, private developers and local residents to build on successful development in the area, such as the newly opened Trademark Apartments," **Rep. McCarthy Vahey** said. "Planning funds provide the opportunity for smart investments in future development that will strengthen our economy and position us as an emerging economic hub. In the midst of Connecticut's fiscal challenges we need to remain focused on the long-term vision and solutions that will help our economy thrive."

"This funding will help us create a vision for development in the Fairfield Metro Center area and continue our work with area businesses and other community leaders. Since its opening, Fairfield has made steady progress in capitalizing on the Center's potential as an engine for economic growth," **First Selectman Mike Tetreau** said. "Young people and

businesses place a high value on walkable, transit-oriented communities, and we need to be meeting that demand. I'd like to thank Rep. McCarthy Vahey for her continued support and advocacy for this project and Fairfield's long-term economic health."

Trademark Apartments began leasing in June, and the building is within walking distance of the Fairfield Metro Center.

Fairfield previously received \$750,000 through the TOD Program in September of 2016 for the replacement of 3,000 feet of sewer lines to support development in the vicinity of the Metro Center.

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