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## State Rep. Turco Welcomes State Bonding for Newington

NEWINGTON —**State Representative Gary Turco** (D – Newington) is pleased to welcome \$500,000 in bond funding for the New Britain Avenue Business District Streetscape improvement project, which has been included on the State Bond Commission's next agenda. Enhancements will help revitalize and improve Newington's business districts and include the installation of sidewalks, granite curbs, street lighting, and the removal of pedestrian safety hazards.

The State Bond Commission is set to approve the funding during a meeting Tuesday, September 29. The Commission will meet via teleconference at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be broadcast online at [www.CT-N.com](http://www.CT-N.com).

“Investing in economic development and creating attractive, walkable communities will help our town and state recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and face the fiscal challenges that lie ahead. Revitalizing Newington's business districts will help attract business and well-paying jobs and will also improve the quality of life for Newington residents,” said **Rep. Turco**. “I would like to thank Governor Ned Lamont for including this project on the Bond Commission agenda and for creating opportunities to strengthen our local economy despite these difficult circumstances.”

During a July 21, 2020 State Bond Commission meeting, funds were allocated to provide a \$500,000 grant-in-aid to Newington to finance Phase VII of the Newington Town Center Streetscape Program.

Newington began the Streetscape Program in 2000 to build walkable communities consistent with the town's historic character and included improving pedestrian access to retail shopping and public services in its 2010-2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. Enhancing Newington streetscapes is expected to attract business, which will help grow the town's grand list, bring well-paying jobs to the area, and improve the quality of life for area residents.

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