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## **Rep. Ritter Announces Funding for Farmington Ave. Streetscape Improvements**

*Praises project as investment in “engine for economic development”*

**Rep. Matt Ritter** (D-Hartford) announced today that he has secured a grant of \$1.5 million for the City of Hartford to expand a project making streetscape improvements along Farmington Avenue. The State Bond Commission is expected to approve the funding at its meeting Friday.

The City of Hartford has been working for several years on an approximately \$15 million streetscape project on Farmington Avenue. The additional funding will allow the end point of the project to be extended from the corner of Farmington Avenue and Sherman Street to the corner of Farmington Avenue and Prospect Avenue at the Hartford-West Hartford border.

“This is a great investment in the City of Hartford, and I know it’s something that’s important to the people in my district especially. Extending this project through the rest of Farmington Avenue up to the Hartford-West Hartford border has been a priority of mine since its inception,” **Rep. Ritter** said. “I’m happy to announce that now the residents and businesses of the entire West End section of Farmington Avenue will see the benefits of this project. Farmington Avenue is both a community hub and an engine for economic development in Hartford, and these improvements will highlight all that it has to offer.”

“I want to thank Representative Ritter for his hard work in securing these funds for Farmington Avenue,” **Mayor Luke Bronin** said. “Investing in our commercial corridors is an important way to support our small businesses, promote economic development and improve quality of life in our neighborhoods.”

The streetscape project aims to make Farmington Ave. more pedestrian friendly, provide better street lighting, and create more on-street parking in order to better serve both residents of the neighborhood and those who work in or visit attractions in the area.

“From restaurants to entertainment, Farmington Avenue is already home to many great institutions,” **Rep. Ritter** said. “This is about making it easier for people to access and enjoy those attractions.”

Farmington Avenue is known for large businesses such as Aetna, museums such as the Mark Twain House, historic churches, a theater company, and numerous restaurants. The extended project will include a stretch of Farmington Avenue that is home to many popular locally-owned restaurants and businesses.

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