

## West Hartford Delegation Secures State Funding for Mobility Hubs in The Center

In the last days of the 2025 legislative session, State Senator Derek Slap and State Representatives Jillian Gilchrest, Tammy Exum, Kate Farrar, James Sanchez and James Sánchez welcomed \$600,000 in the state budget for the development of two mobility hubs in West Hartford Center.

The legislative delegation worked with Mayor Shari Cantor and Town Manager Rick Ledwith to secure \$300,000 in both 2026 and 2027 for the development and expansion of two mobility hubs in West Hartford Center, one on LaSalle Road and the other on Farmington Avenue.

The mobility hubs are in line with both the West Hartford Center Infrastructure Plan and the town's Vision Zero Plan by enhancing multimodal transportation options, reducing vehicle congestion and improving safety for all road users. The hubs will integrate bike share, transit connections, e-charging stations, covered bike racks, pedestrian infrastructure, and emerging mobility technologies. This infrastructure plan takes steps towards the town's goal of a more sustainable and efficient transportation network, while also incorporating the goals of Vision Zero and increasing traffic safety.

"I am thrilled to have been able to secure these funds for continued development of West Hartford Center," said Sen. Slap (D-West Hartford). "The Center is the heart of our community and serves residents of all ages. The leadership and vision of Mayor Cantor and her administration is well-illustrated with this project, centering both economic development and pedestrian safety. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and our continued partnership to best serve the residents of West Hartford."

"I am in full support of expanding transportation options in accessible locations to meet a diversity of needs. This is a smart, forward-looking investment in both our current and future economic vitality. I look forward to seeing the transportation hub foster greater interconnectivity, strengthen our sense of community, and enhance the overall quality of life for everyone it serves," said Rep. Gilchrest (D-West Hartford).

"West Hartford is such a popular place to be," Rep. Tammy Exum (D-West Hartford, Avon) said. "I am pleased to see funding secured to make our town less congested, more connected, and safer by integrating bike share, bike racks, transit connections, e-charging stations, and more. I am excited about the possibilities the mobility hubs on LaSalle Road and Farmington Ave., will offer."

"State funding to develop two mobility hubs in West Hartford Center is a major step to improve more accessible transportation for all in our town and region," said Rep. Kate Farrar (D-West Hartford, Newington). "Any step to improve more seamless access to transportation options, such as biking, walking, and transit, supports our vibrant and healthy community."

"Funding for mobility hubs in West Hartford Center is a major step in building a more connected and inclusive community. These modern-day transportation centers will provide safe, accessible, and convenient options for people to get around," said Rep. James Sánchez (D – West Hartford, Hartford). "This investment helps ensure West Hartford remains vibrant and sustainable for all."

“Having access to multiple forms of transportation will unlock the state for residents in our community. Transit centers are an excellent investment and I am excited to see how they transform West Hartford for the better,” said Rep. Gibson (D – West Hartford, Bloomfield).

West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor said, “We are deeply appreciative of the state’s investment for the full implementation of two mobility hubs that closely align with our Center Infrastructure Plan and our Vision Zero Plan. These mobility hubs are designed to enhance multimodal transportation options, reduce vehicular congestion, and improve safety for all road users—goals that are foundational to West Hartford’s future and to broader regional priorities. By integrating bike share, transit connections, e-charging stations, covered bike racks, pedestrian infrastructure, and emerging mobility technologies, these hubs will serve as anchors in our efforts to create a more connected, accessible, and safe West Hartford Center.” She continued, “Moreover, the mobility hubs directly support our Vision Zero strategy by addressing known high-risk areas with infrastructure that prioritizes safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. The investment in these hubs is not only a strategic move toward a more sustainable and efficient transportation network but also a moral imperative as we work to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.”