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October 4, 2022

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization,
Vitality, and Equity across Connecticut Route 8

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Ansonia, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

The Route 8 expressway has made travel through the valley easier for motorists but has done so at the expense of the towns and cities that it divides. Along the length of the Naugatuck River, the highway cuts through once vibrant downtowns, separates residential neighborhoods, and divides municipalities like the City of Ansonia. We look forward to working with the NVCOG on this project, providing input and support as mitigation strategies are brought forward to ensure they fit the needs of residents of the City of Ansonia and the region.

The NVCOG study aims to identify cost-effective, feasible actions and strategies to mitigate the impacts the highway has on residents of our communities, and for that reason we are happy to provide our support. Projects such as *CONSERVE8* are a critical step toward improving the quality of life within the Naugatuck Valley, all while supporting the goals of improving mobility for all, transportation equity, and increasing the vitality of our cities and towns.

Sincerely,

Mayor David S. Cassetti



Town of BEACON FALLS
Connecticut

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization,
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Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

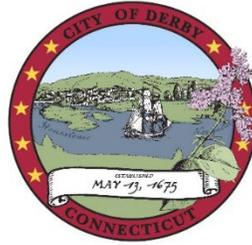
On behalf of Beacon Falls, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

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Sincerely,

Gerard Smith,
Town of Beacon Falls, First Selectman



Mayor Richard Dziekan
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Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across
Connecticut Route 8

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Derby, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

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The NVCOG study aims to identify cost-effective, feasible actions and strategies to mitigate the impacts the highway has on residents of our communities, and for that reason we are happy to provide our support. Projects such as *CONSERVE8* are a critical step toward improving the quality of life within the Naugatuck Valley, all while supporting the goals of improving mobility for all, transportation equity, and increasing the vitality of our cities and towns.

Sincerely,

Richard Dziekan
Mayor, City of Derby



BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK
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Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization,
Vitality, and Equity across Connecticut Route 8

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Borough of Naugatuck, I write to express my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program has our full support. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

The Route 8 expressway has made travel through the valley easier for motorists but has done so at the expense of the towns and cities that it divides, including Naugatuck. Along the length of the Naugatuck River, the highway cuts through once vibrant downtowns, separates residential neighborhoods, and divides municipalities like the Borough of Naugatuck. We look forward to working with the NVCOG on this project, providing input and support as mitigation strategies are brought forward to ensure they fit the needs of residents of Naugatuck and the region.

The NVCOG study aims to identify cost-effective strategies to mitigate the impacts the highway has on residents of our communities. Projects such as *CONSERVE8* are critical in order to improve the quality of life within the Naugatuck Valley.

Sincerely,

N. Warren "Pete" Hess



Office Of The First Selectwoman
Town of Seymour

1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Annamarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization,
Vitality, and Equity across Connecticut Route 8

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of The Town of Seymour, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

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Sincerely,

Annamarie Drugonis



October 11, 2022



Office of the Mayor

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
CONSERVE8: Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization,
Vitality, and Equity across Connecticut Route 8**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Shelton, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Lauretti".

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor

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Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
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Equity across Connecticut Route 8

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Town of Thomaston, I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

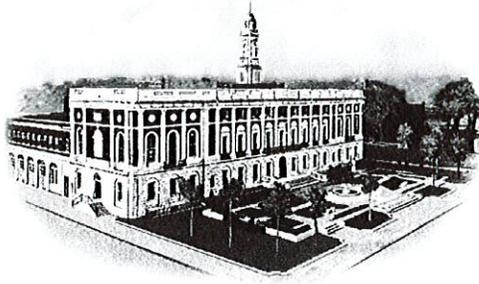
The Route 8 expressway has made travel through the valley easier for motorists but has done so at the expense of the towns and cities that it divides. Along the length of the Naugatuck River, the highway cuts through once vibrant downtowns, separates residential neighborhoods, and divides municipalities like Town of Thomaston. We look forward to working with the NVCOG on this project, providing input and support as mitigation strategies are brought forward to ensure they fit the needs of residents of Town of Thomaston and the region.

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Sincerely,

Edmond V. Mone
First Selectman
Town of Thomaston

NEIL M. O'LEARY
MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE CITY OF WATERBURY
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Re: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Waterbury, Connecticut I write to share my support of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) request for federal funding from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The proposed Connecting Neighborhoods to Stimulate Economic Revitalization, Vitality, and Equity across Route 8 (*CONSERVE8*) study has the potential to make a significant impact on the residents of our community, especially those who suffer the most from the existing transportation system.

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Sincerely,

Neil M. O'Leary
Mayor, City of Waterbury