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**Connecticut Chapter of the
American Planning Association**

Testimony regarding Proposed H.B. 6966:

AN ACT MODIFYING GUIDELINES FOR URBAN STREET DESIGN

CCAPA supports H.B. 6966. The proposed bill would provide municipalities with the flexibility to regulate and design public streets in ways that support thriving, walkable neighborhoods. Currently, out-of-date CONNDOT guidelines make it difficult for municipalities to make certain changes to their streets, like lowering the speed limit, without going through a long state approval process.

CT DOT should also be required to complete a new Street Design Manual that promotes complete streets instead of preventing them. Both Massachusetts and New York State have updated their design manuals in the last decade to promote complete streets design, and it is past time that Connecticut do the same.

WHO WE ARE

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA) has over 420 members who are governmental and consulting planners, land use attorneys, citizen planners, and other professionals engaged in planning and managing land use, economic development, housing, transportation, and conservation for local, regional, and State governments, private businesses and other entities. CCAPA has long been committed to assisting the legislature and State agencies with developing and furthering responsible growth management principles. The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit, national educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities.

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