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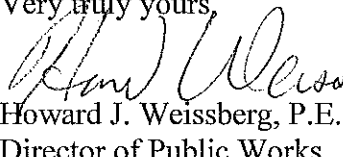
Re: Testimony on Proposed S.B. No. 775
An Act Concerning the Creation of the Central Connecticut Loop Trail

The City of Meriden supports the creation of a loop trail, as connections to surrounding towns has been part of our Linear Trail Master Plan since 2012. The exact locations of such connections is to be determined, as there would need to be planning studies to evaluate the merits and challenges associated with each.

Meriden has made significant investments in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) District, with Transit Center, the Meriden Green, Pratt Street Gateway and continuing flood control efforts. Design is presently underway to connect multi-use trails from the TOD District to Meriden's linear trails in the southwest portion of the City. Continuation of the existing linear trails westerly to the Farmington Canal Trail and easterly from the Meriden Green to Middletown would expand access to the CT Rail Hartford Line via the new Transit Center and help create a vibrant downtown.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this program. Should you have any questions or comments, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (203) 630-4022.

Very truly yours,


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