

Derby demolition defines a new downtown

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - This week demolition began on buildings standing on the south side of Main Street between Caroline and Factory Streets.

The work is being done by state contractor Environmental Services, Inc. of South Windsor.

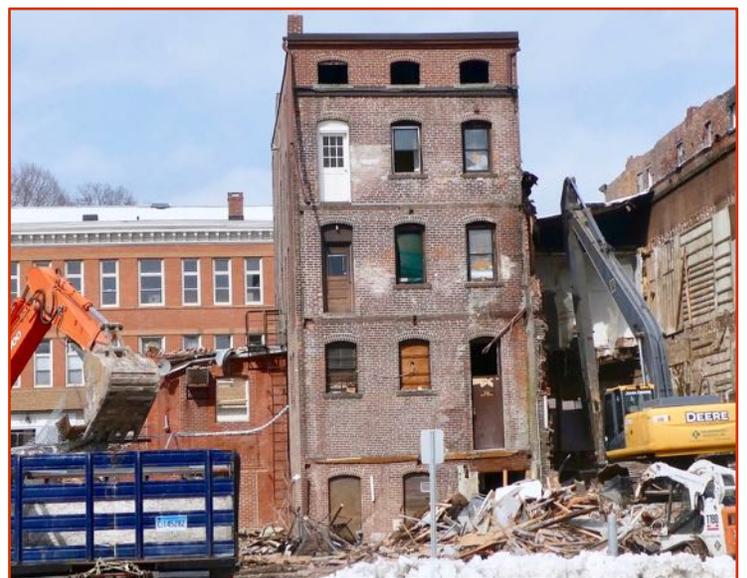
Removing the structures at 128-146 Main St. is a necessary step forward in the state's plan to widen the heavily traveled Route 34, also known as Main Street, to four lanes.

Numbers from the state Department of Transportation show that the **average traffic count** in 2015 was more than 18,000 vehicles a day.

Although those who love history - myself included - never like to see old buildings with interesting architectural detail get razed, the demolition had to be done.

**Editor's note: Please check links provided on Pages 2 and 3.*

See more photos on Page 2



Derby demolition defines a new downtown - more views



Artist rendering of proposed Route 34 reconstruction project shown at meeting Aug. 2, 2011 at Derby City Hall.

Do you remember when the Route 34 saga began?

The proposals to widen Route 34 began with a **public hearing** in 2011. Now with the south side of Main St. being prepared for actual work to begin. Here are a few links from all those years ago when the planning began...

Eugene Driscoll, Valley Independent Sentinel

https://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/a_new_gateway_to_the_heart_of_derby/

Patricia Villers, New Haven Register

<https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Main-Street-traffic-flow-plan-unveiled-for-Derby-11584009.php>

3-D Ride, 2011:

<http://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/123bim.eu.storage/usr6B010F549E44DB37%2fDerby+Route+34%2f3D%20Tour/3Dtour.htm>

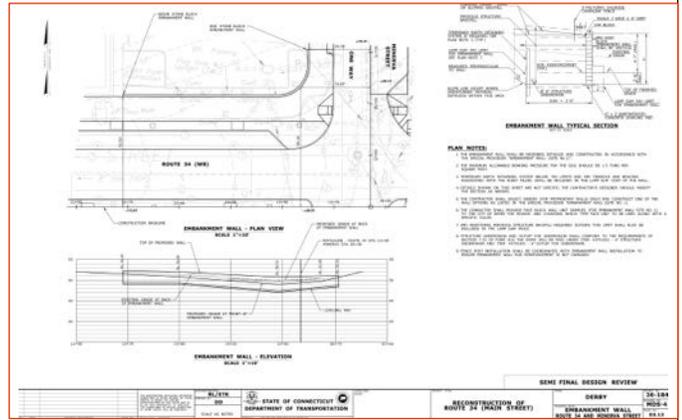
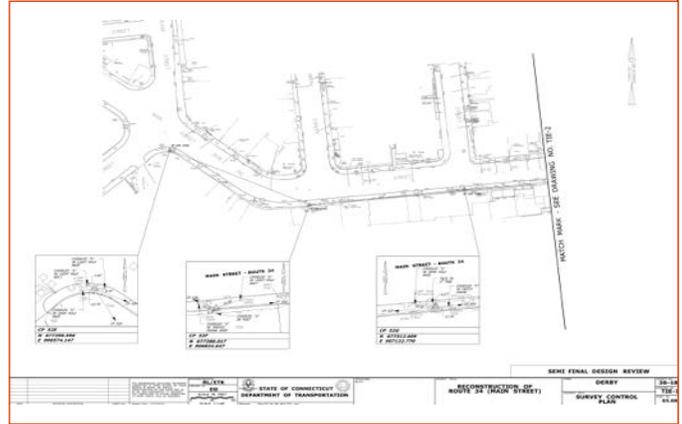
See the plans for the 'new' Route 34 in downtown Derby

By Ralph Villers

DERBY - The Route 34 Main St. widening project has been anticipated and talked about what seems to be forever.

However, given the final deconstruction of the south side of Main Street, the actual reconstruction seems ready to begin.

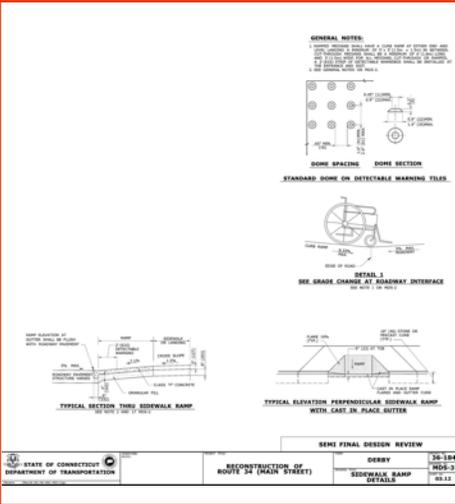
The **Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments** has published a summary of the project on its website, and has provided the Semi-Final Design Plans of the work, a series of drawings and links showcasing the scope of this massive project.



I have added a few of these drawings to give the reader an idea of what's to soon arrive - click on any of them to see a larger look at the work.

If you would like to see all the preliminary drawings, the NVCOG has provided a link to all **268 pages of the project drawings** provided by the CT Dept. of Transportation. Happy reading!

Click on any drawing enlarge image of the project.





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Plans For

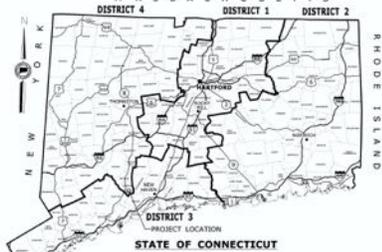
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 34 (MAIN STREET)

Town of **DERBY**



Prepared for

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



GENERAL NOTES:

- FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H100(001)
- CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Incident Construction, Form 817, dated 2016; Supplemental Specifications, dated Jan. 2018; and Special Provisions SYSTEM N.A.D. 1983
- 400 FOOT GRID BASED ON CONNECTICUT COORDINATE SYSTEM N.A.D. 1983
- VERTICAL DATUM BASED ON NAVD 1988

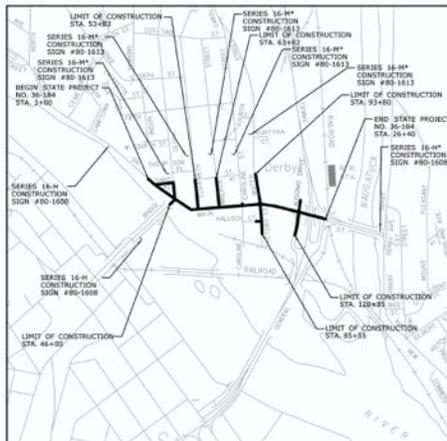
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ROAD	MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY	LENGTH
ROUTE 34	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	2340 FEET
ROUTE 8 SB ON/OFF RAMP	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	290 FEET
THIRD STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	275 FEET
BRIDGE STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	100 FEET
OLIVIA STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	153 FEET
ELIZABETH STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	330 FEET
MINIVERA STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	332 FEET
CAROLINE STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	23 FEET
FACILITY STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	250 FEET
WATER STREET	TOWN OF DERBY	330 FEET

F.A.P. #	MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY	PROJECT #
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LOCATION PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

*NOTE: ACTUAL LOCATION OF SERIES 16-H AND 18-H CONSTRUCTION SIGNS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER.

LIST OF SUBSETS

SUBSET NO./SUBSET TITLE	SHEET COUNT
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02 REVISIONS	1
03 HIGHWAY	179
04 TRAFFIC	40
CTDOT HIGHWAY STANDARD SHEETS	30
CTDOT TRAFFIC STANDARD SHEETS	21

*THE INITIAL SUBSET SHEET COUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE ACCORDINGS AND CHANGE ORDERS

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SEMI-FINAL DESIGN REVIEW

OCTOBER 2018

Plan For
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 34 (MAIN STREET)

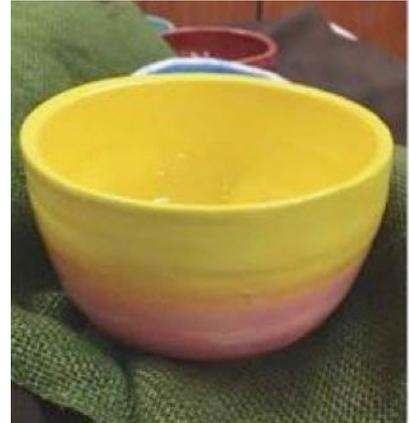
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