2023 Main Street Parking & Safety Survey Results
Town of Winchester, CT

The data you see below is raw data from the survey results as the Town of Winchester received them. The Town will continue to review, further elaborate on, and draw conclusions from this raw data report.

Section 1 - Building Owners

Do you own a building within one block of Main Street?
215 responses

- Yes: 94.9%
- No: 5.1%

How many DEDICATED parking spots does your building have?
11 responses

- 0: 4 (36.4%)
- 2: 2 (18.2%)
- 3: 1 (9.1%)
- 4: 1 (9.1%)
- 11: 2 (18.2%)
- 22: 1 (9.1%)
What is the nature of your building?
11 responses

- Residential: 45.5%
- Commercial: 27.3%
- Mixed Use: 27.3%

What is the approximate square footage of your building?
11 responses

- 1200: 1 (9.1%)
- 1700: 1 (9.1%)
- 2000: 1 (9.1%)
- 3000: 2 (18.2%)
- 3600: 1 (9.1%)
- 4500: 1 (9.1%)
- 5000: 1 (9.1%)
- 10000: 1 (9.1%)
- 12000: 1 (9.1%)
- 85000: 1 (9.1%)
How many residential units does your building have?
11 responses

How many commercial business spaces are there in your building?
11 responses
Approximately how many employees work at the businesses that exist within your building?
11 responses

How often do your tenant(s) complain that there is too little parking on Main Street?
11 responses
Do you see a need for one or more of the following?

11 responses

- More handicapped parking: 3 (27.3%)
- More order pickup parking: 4 (36.4%)
- Enforced time limited parking: 6 (54.5%)
- More parking for employees: 4 (36.4%)
- More parking for residents: 4 (36.4%)
- More parking in general: 9 (81.8%)
- My building does not have a need: 3 (27.3%)

Would you support the redesign of portions of Main Street to limit traffic to two lanes (one in each direction) and provide nose-in parking along one or both sides of Main Street?

11 responses

- Yes: 81.8%
- No: 18.2%
- I would need more information: 0%
Would you support the implementation of a "pay-to-park" system between the hours of 4pm - 10pm, Wednesday - Sunday, in an effort to help free up...availability during these busy commercial hours?
11 responses

- Yes: 45.5%
- Yes, but with adjusted days/times: 27.3%
- Possibly, depending on the cost per hour: 9.1%
- No: 9.1%
- I would need more information: 9.1%

Do you feel that speeding vehicles on Main Street negatively impact your building economically?
11 responses

- Yes: 81.8%
- No: 9.1%
- Unsure: 9.1%

Would you support lane narrowing or other methods to help slow traffic on Main Street?
11 responses

- Yes: 81.8%
- No: 18.2%
- Unsure: 0%
Section 2 - Business Owners

Do you own a business within one block of Main Street?
204 responses

- Yes: 1.1%
- No: 94.6%
- Unsure: 5.3%
How many DEDICATED parking spots does your business have?
19 responses

- 13 spots (68.4%)
- 1 spot (5.3%)
- 1 spot (5.3%)
- 2 spots (10.5%)
- 1 spot (5.3%)
- 1 spot (5.3%)

What is the approximate square footage your business occupies?
19 responses

- 1 square foot (5.3%)
- 400 square feet (5.3%)
- 700 square feet (5.3%)
- 1,200 square feet (5.3%)
- 1,700 square feet (5.3%)
- 4,000 square feet (5.3%)
- 5,000 square feet (5.3%)

- 3,000 square feet (15.8%)
- 3,500 square feet (15.8%)
- 4,500 square feet (15.8%)
Approximately how many employees work for your business?
19 responses

Do you feel that your business is negatively impacted by the Town's current parking ban policy during snowstorms?
19 responses

- Blue: Yes, I lose a significant amount of business when the Town announces a parking ban.
- Red: I lose some business, but not a significant amount.
- Orange: No, I don’t lose any business when there is a parking ban in place.
- Green: I close my business when significant snow is in the forecast, so I would lose the business either way.
How often do your employees and/or customers complain that there is too little parking on Main Street?
19 responses

- Very Often: 68.4%
- Sometimes: 15.8%
- Rarely: 15.8%
- Never: 0%
- Unsure: 0%

During which hours is your business most busy?
19 responses

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On which days of the week is your business open?
19 responses

- Monday: 11 (57.9%)
- Tuesday: 12 (63.2%)
- Wednesday: 14 (73.7%)
- Thursday: 17 (89.5%)
- Friday: 19 (100%)
- Saturday: 14 (73.7%)
- Sunday: 9 (47.4%)

Does your business, specifically, have a need for one or more of the following?
19 responses

- More handicapped parking: 3 (15.8%)
- More order pickup parking (15 minute limited parking): 1 (5.3%)
- Enforced time limited parking (2 hours or less): 7 (36.8%)
- More parking for employees: 5 (26.3%)
- More parking in general: 16 (84.2%)
- My business does not have a need for any of the above: 2 (10.5%)
Would you support the redesign of portions of Main Street to limit traffic to two lanes (one in each direction) and provide nose-in parking along one or both sides of Main Street?
19 responses

Would you support the implementation of a "pay-to-park" system between the hours of 4pm - 10pm, Wednesday - Sunday, in an effort to help free up m...g availability during these busy commercial hours?
19 responses
Do you feel that speeding vehicles on Main Street negatively impact your building economically?
19 responses

- Yes: 94.7%
- No: 10.5%
- Unsure: 0%

Would you support lane narrowing or other methods to help slow traffic on Main Street?
19 responses

- Yes: 89.5%
- No: 10.5%
- Unsure: 0%

Do you believe your business would benefit from the creation of bike lanes on Main Street?
19 responses

- Yes: 36.8%
- No: 15.8%
- Unsure: 47.4%
Is your business interested in partnering with the Town to market downtown Winsted and its businesses?
19 responses

- Yes, please contact me with information about how I can be involved.
- No thank you.

Section 3 - Main Street Residents

Are you a resident living within one block of Main Street?
196 responses

- Yes
- No
What is your residential address?
18 responses

- 55 Munro Place: 2 responses (11.1%)
- 14 John St.: 1 response
- 320 Winchester Road: 1 response
- 43 High Street: 1 response
- 66 Main: 1 response
- 86B Rockwell Street: 1 response
- Whit...: 1 response

Do you rent or own your place of residence?
18 responses

- Rent: 38.9%
- Own: 61.1%
How many DEDICATED parking spots does your residence have?
18 responses

- 0: 6 (33.3%)
- 1: 2 (11.1%)
- 2: 4 (22.2%)
- 3: 1 (5.6%)
- 4: 4 (22.2%)
- 5: 1 (5.6%)
- 6: 1 (5.6%)

How many bedrooms does your place of residence have?
18 responses

- 1: 2 (11.1%)
- 2: 4 (22.2%)
- 3: 6 (33.3%)
- 4: 4 (22.2%)
- 5: 1 (5.6%)
- 6: 1 (5.6%)
How many vehicles does your household own?
18 responses

- 8 (44.4%)
- 7 (38.9%)
- 1 (5.6%)
- 1 (5.6%)
- 1 (5.6%)

Do you feel that there is too little parking on/near Main Street?
18 responses

- There is almost always a scarcity of parking: 33.3%
- There is a scarcity of parking sometimes: 55.6%
- There is never a scarcity of parking: 11.1%
- I am unsure: 0%
Would you support the redesign of portions of Main Street to limit traffic to two lanes (one in each direction) and provide nose-in parking along one or both sides of Main Street?  
18 responses

![Pie chart showing 72.2% in favor, 16.7% opposed, 11.1% undecided.]

Would you support the implementation of a "pay-to-park" system between the hours of 4pm - 10pm, Wednesday - Sunday, in an effort to help free up parking availability during these busy commercial hours?  
18 responses

![Pie chart showing 50% in favor, 11.1% with adjusted days/times, 11.1% possibly depending on cost, 22.2% opposed, 11.1% undecided.]

Do you feel safe walking around and across Main Street given the speed of vehicles that pass by?
18 responses

- Yes: 77.8%
- No: 16.7%
- Unsure: 5.5%

Would you support lane narrowing or other methods to help slow traffic on Main Street?
18 responses

- Yes: 72.2%
- No: 16.7%
- Unsure: 11.1%

Would you use bike lanes if they were created on Main Street?
18 responses

- Yes: 66.7%
- No: 33.3%
- Unsure: 0%
Section 4 - Main Street Employees

Do you work at a business that is on or within one block of Main Street?
197 responses

- Yes: 86.3%
- No: 13.7%

How many DEDICATED parking spots does the business where you work have?
31 responses

- 18 (58.1%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 5 (16.1%)
- 1 (3.2%)
- 1 (3.2%)
Approximately how many employees work for this business?
31 responses

How often do your coworkers and/or customers complain that there is too little parking on Main Street?
31 responses
Does your business, specifically, have a need for one or more of the following?
31 responses

- More handicapped parking: 6 (19.4%)
- More order pickup parking (15 minute limited parking): 4 (12.9%)
- Enforced time limited parking (2 hours or less): 9 (29%)
- More parking for employees: 9 (29%)
- More parking in general: 22 (71%)
- My business does not have a need for any of the above: 6 (19.4%)

Would you support the redesign of portions of Main Street to limit traffic to two lanes (one in each direction) and provide nose-in parking along one or both sides of Main Street?
31 responses

- Yes: 74.2%
- No: 22.6%
- I would need more information: 2.6%
Would you support the implementation of a "pay-to-park" system between the hours of 4pm - 10pm, Wednesday - Sunday, in an effort to help free up m...g availability during these busy commercial hours? 31 responses

- Yes: 38.7%
- Yes, but with adjusted days/times: 25.8%
- Possibly, depending on the cost per hour: 12.9%
- Possibly, if my employer was able to find us suitable parking or cover our cost to park: 9.7%
- No: 9.7%
- I would need more information: 0%

Do you feel safe walking around and across Main Street given the speed of vehicles that pass by? 30 responses

- Yes: 86.7%
- No: 10%
- Unsure: 3.3%

Would you support lane narrowing or other methods to help slow traffic on Main Street? 30 responses

- Yes: 70%
- No: 16.7%
- Unsure: 13.3%
Do you believe your employer would benefit from the creation of bike lanes on Main Street?
30 responses

Pie chart showing percentages:
- Yes: 43.3%
- No: 23.3%
- Unsure: 33.3%

Section 5 - Visitors

Are you a frequent visitor of Winsted's Main Street?
184 responses

Pie chart showing percentages:
- Yes: 93.5%
- No: 6.5%
How far do you live from downtown Winsted?
199 responses

- I am a Winchester/Winsted resident: 78.4%
- I live within a fifteen minute drive of Winsted: 19.6%
- I live within a half hour drive of Winsted: 8%
- I live within an hour drive of Winsted: 26.6%
- I live more than an hour away from Winsted: 19.6%

How often do you visit Main Street in Winsted?
199 responses

- Every day: 45.7%
- Several times a week: 19.6%
- About once a week: 19.6%
- A few times a month: 8%
- Once a month or less frequently: 8%
Do you feel that there is too little parking on/near Main Street?
199 responses

47.7% There is almost always a scarcity of parking.
45.2% There is a scarcity of parking sometimes.
11.1% There is never a scarcity of parking.
11.1% I am unsure.

Would you support the redesign of portions of Main Street to limit traffic to two lanes (one in each direction) and provide nose-in parking along one or both sides of Main Street?
199 responses

58.8% Yes
30.2% No
11.1% I would need more information.
Would you support the implementation of a "pay-to-park" system between the hours of 4pm - 10pm, Wednesday - Sunday, in an effort to help free up parking availability during these busy commercial hours? 199 responses

![Pie chart showing the percentage of responses to the "pay-to-park" system question.]

Do you feel safe walking around and across Main Street given the speed of vehicles that pass by? 198 responses

![Pie chart showing the percentage of responses to the safety question.]

Would you support lane narrowing or other methods to help slow traffic on Main Street? 198 responses

![Pie chart showing the percentage of responses to the traffic question.]
Section 6 - Selected Comments

Cameras to identify speeders with appropriate fines.

...again - would suggest new bicycle lanes on alternative roads other than Rte. 44 - Meadow Street should be the first priority

A crosswalk closer to the ymca building, more radar for speeding on main st.

Although the posted speed limit is 30 mph, most vehicles do not adhere to that limit. Eliminating lanes will not slow down traffic. Providing off road parking behind buildings should be considered for apartment tenants, thus freeing up on street parking for businesses. Until the town addresses the speeding problem, it doesn't make sense to reduce lanes to add more parking. Start ticketing speeders; add speed bumps; add speeding cameras for ticketing; divert commercial vehicles.

As a winsted resident we pay enough money in winsted in taxes I don't think it a good idea to pay for parking roads on both sides of main st are bad it like a race track on main st

Businesses on Main Street need more parking

changing to two lanes with nose in parking would be much more attractive and would create a much more welcoming downtown feel. right now it feels like a pass through place. traffic too fast.

Cleaner sidewalks

Create more off street parking.

Creating additional parking, while making it safer for pedestrians and families (slower speeds and separated from traffic) should create a more inviting environment to support new and existing Main Street businesses.

Drivers go too fast on Main Street and there is never a police poo presence. If the police periodically monitor this, drivers might slow down.

everyone exceeds the speed limit

Flashing lights at crosswalks at ymca area and Giavanni area Give us a reason to shop in town , we keep losing businesses

I am legal blind. I find it very difficult to cross intersections. The buttons for the crosswalks are confusing and they should all have an audible noise when okay to cross.
I avoid shopping on Main Street solely based on the limited parking and how fast drivers drive.

I believe that parking which promotes foot traffic is key to a successful revival of Main Street commerce.

I believe we need more lighted and sound making crosswalks like the ones at the corners of Main and North Main. Because Rt 44 frequently accommodates large trucks and 18-wheeled trucks, I believe narrowing of the lanes would make it more difficult for small cars.

I feel like, because of the sheer volume of vehicles on Main Street, nose-in parking would be more dangerous for those attempting to back out into the traffic.

I can no longer bike, but would enthusiastically support bike lanes.

I don't feel nose in parking works because people still come down the road very rapidly and it would be difficult to back out safely. I think putting in some cross walks towards places that are frequented like Kent pizza would be good as long as people knew they had to stop ahead of time check out the Evergreen walk in Manchester South Windsor they have a Great system there.

I dont think narrowing would help. Main Street gets too congested. Frankly, moving from one lane to two multiple times makes a cause for accidents. Near the college is the worst part of the street. I would never bike on Main Street. People drive way too fast in my opinion because unless you're a regular driver of Main St you may not know the traffic patterns and that can get frustrating for some.

I fully believe that if the changes were made to change the parking and to two lanes, that would take care of a lot of the problems on Main Street, including the excessive speeding that occurs. I think having/using a bike lane would definitely depend on the reconfiguration of traffic flow.

I moved to Winsted 16 years ago and have never understood why it opens up into 2 lanes in each direction in town. Reducing to 1 lane in each direction might support both a bike lane and parking perpendicular to the curb instead of parallel to the curb (like they have in New Hartford). It would slow down vehicles too.

I strongly support the creation of nose in parking on Main Street as a means to encourage patronage of shops and restaurants and to invite pedestrian foot traffic / tourism along cohesive, continuous stretches of our "downtown." I would also strongly recommend adding electronic crosswalk signage that alerts drivers to pedestrians crossing Main Street. Main Street would also greatly benefit from signage ordinances for businesses — something that should have been implemented in conjunction with the facade improvement grants, but it's never too late to start!

I support nose in parking. The road is so tilted especially by Post Office and Town Hall that it is hard to open driver's door and traffic is speeding by. Bike path on Main Street probably not needed since there are parallel roads- Willow, Prospect, Meadow. But would direct bikes to those roads in some manner.

I think more Law Enforcement would be a good idea

I try my best to avoid anything that requires me to park on Main St. I like the idea of parking spots you can pull into nose-first, but I'm not sure how easy it would be to get out of that spot, due to traffic. Also, most of my trips to Main St are very quick - 3 minutes to run into Noujaim's to grab some hummus, for example. I'd hate to be dishing out money, just to park for 5 minutes. That would probably keep me off Main St even more. I would love to use a bike lane, but I would need to feel safe doing it.

I was recently in town and nearly got hit by a speeding car in the crosswalk near the railway cafe (the one that leads to the pedestrian bridge across the river). The driver honked and yelled f you but I was in the crosswalk. I think winsted Main Street businesses would be more successful if winsted was not a pass through town. Cars should be forced to slow on main street so patrons can safely enjoy the businesses. This would also bring more patrons to small businesses since people will be more likely to walk around. Something has to be done about the corner near the YMCA. People gain so much speed and it has been dangerous since I was a kid.

I would love to bike from Torrington to Winsted along the trail and on up through Main St for my commute to the bookstore/generally, but Torrington doesn't have a bridge to cross the highway, and Main St is not really safe either

I would support 1 lane for each direction as a way to slow traffic. However, I think nose in parking would be difficult to get out of.
I would use bike lanes, but a bike corridor on the rail trail and connecting roads might be better and safer. (One block uphill from Main St)

I'd like to see wider sidewalks to allow for more on street/ outdoor dining.

If anything, add lines to show where parking actually is. Cars park too stupid

In respect to lack of parking, I find that regardless of time of day, I can always find a spot that is within a reasonable walking distance to the business I wish to visit. I am aware that reasonable walking distance is relative to individuals abilities, however, I have been further away "from the front door" when I have to park in large box store lots such as Walmart, Target, Home Depot. It's really a matter of perspective. I would be more inclined to consider reducing the lanes if efforts were made to make opening businesses along Main St. easier.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO PARK BECAUSE THERE ARE NO LINES. LAST WEEK AN 18-WHEELED TRACTOR PARKED ON THE RETAIL SIDE OF MAIN STREET. THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE PARKING LINES, OR IF THEY DID, THE POLICE WOULD BE ABLE TO TICKET THEM. NOW THE POLICE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE PARKING. PEOPLE PARK IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANTS. PEOPLE PARK IS SO CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE OF ANOTHER ROAD THEY BLOCK THE LINE OF SIGHT FOR ONCOMING TRAFFIC, MAKING IT PERILOUS TO USE THAT ROAD TO TURN ONTO MAIN STREET. WHEN I CAN'T FIND A SPACE, I LEAVE - I DON'T WANT TO PARK ACROSS THE STREET FROM A RESTAURANT BECAUSE I AM NOT WILLING TO CROSS A FOUR-LANE ROAD AT NIGHT.

It is extremely dangerous to have to walk kids across 44 when visiting businesses. I’m afraid to get hit or have my door ripped off when loading a child into a car seat and would utilize the businesses on Main Street much more if there were safer and more adequate parking options.

It is very dangerous for the elderly on Main Street. Crossing Main Street is frightening to me at my age of 78, so I don't enjoy using our town businesses as much as I would like to.

It would be great if there was a successful way to slow people down - so many drivers do NOT obey speed limits, and it can be scary!

It's difficult to cross Main St with the speeding traffic. There needs to be speed traps on Main. There is too much reckless driving. Walking or driving, the speeding is a danger.

It's my belief that more parking will help draw better businesses to our town.

Keep parking on Main Street FREE!!!

This is a common comment heard from (out of town) friends who frequent Mario’s, that it is a simple, easy place to access- and they come on weekend nights when Rt. 44 is packed!

Don’t start over-engineering or legislating a non issue. If you are careful, use common sense and abide generally good safety practices, parking and negotiating (both on foot and in vehicle) Main Street is not that challenging. Keep the charm of a good old fashioned New England Main Street just as it is.

If you try to slow traffic on other roads as well. Platt Hill Road is a speedway at times.

Love that you are considering this. I have actually not stopped at certain stores because I couldn't see a parking spot from my car. Changing those 2 westbound lanes to nose in parking would be so much better for the businesses on main street and would provide a nice buffer for pedestrians from the through traffic. West, from town offices to the Railway Cafe, it's pretty much impossible to park in order to shop at those businesses. And it is too dangerous for older people to park on the other side and cross the streets.

Love the idea of of single lanes and nose in parking. Strongly against any pay to park. In my opinion, safety not scarcity is the issue. Also very against lane narrowing as I frequently drive through with large trucks and trailers and it is already a bit precarious.

Main Street is a race track, and I hate parking on it because of the cars always going by. To much traffic 3pm-5pm for single lanes.

Maintain crosswalks, improve signage and lighting at crosswalks.

Many intersections in Winsted also need to be updated. DQ intersection and torringford intersection are pretty bad
More lighting to crosswalks especially near the ymca and up

More of a visible police presence should slow people down...

My main issue with main st is the lack of police presence. I believe there should be 1 or more officers local and or state shooting radar at all hours of the day on each end of main st. Trucks come down 44 heading east past the ambulance barn doing near 5-0 mph. The crosswalk at the walking bridge at 560 main st is a fatality waiting to happen. Trying to cross the st at town hall is another nightmare. Parking is likely scarce near Mario’s which in my opinion is great because business is good.

My mom owned a business on Main Street, and at that time there was a "meter maid" and that was very helpful in keeping parking open. Also, the municipal lot behind what is now Rooted Market was only for businesses and now it is full of cars parked by the renters in the building. Their lot used to be further down the street past the fire house. I have tried a dozen times to park in the municipal lot in recent months and it has been FULL. That should be left for the businesses. Thanks for trying to help with this issue. I can certainly walk, but it is difficult for my elderly relatives to shop downtown when there is no easy/close parking. Thank you.

Need handicap parking outside of businesses

Need more highly visible and flashing cosswalks between the traffic light corners.

Need more police ticketing of speedi g and illegal parking, Regularly see people parked in right lane of west traveling side of main st near kent and Mario's

Nose in parking sounds incredibly dangerous, very hard to see cars speeding by

not seeing any other alternatives being suggested besides reducing rt 44 in town to 2 lanes . bottlenecks already happening by mcdonalds and dunkin donuts.

One of the many things that Winsted has over Torrington is that there are no parking meters. I would not want to see this change. It is an extreme hassle to have to use the machines to park. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the street, however the speed which people drive is dangerous when trying to cross or get out of the car. Perhaps more police presence would be a solution.

Only having two lanes on Main St will be a traffic nightmare just like the DQ intersection is heading West. It’s too hard to back out of nose-in parking spaces. You can’t see if cars are driving by behind your vehicle until it’s too late. Put up traffic speed cameras and start mailing speeding tickets to people. The town puts revenue on the books they way too. Also, Main St. needs better lighting at night. More flashing lights and signs at crosswalks are needed. I’ve almost gotten rear-ended numerous times stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks & I’ve almost gotten hit as a pedestrian trying to cross the street. There’s never going to be a perfect solution. Police presence on Main St usually slows traffic down though & I definitely think radar cameras and signs saying there are radar cameras would instantly slow traffic down, even if you didn’t mail out speeding tickets.

Our YMCA has the worst parking lot of all. It's dangerous and should be fenced off.

PLEASE FIX THIS, IT WILL DO NOTHING BUT HELP TO CONTINUE THE GROWTH OF WINSTED. This town is turning a corner from the one I lived in (2002-2011 Winsted) and the atrocious parking is stagnating the growth that has begun.

Please look at parking throughout the town. People park illegally everywhere because even if they get ticketed there is no follow through so no one cares about getting parking tickets. Don't just worry about main street.

Slowing down traffic on 44 would only increase traffic on the side roads. If there was a way to move traffic more efficiently through town (two dedicated lanes that are “through lanes”) with one side of dedicated parking, I would support that. Good luck with your decisions. I know it can’t be an easy one.

Slowing the traffic is critical to safety and commercial success. I support any efforts to lower the speed limit and provide additional crosswalks- there should absolutely be crosswalks near town hall, post office. More trees would improve aesthetics. There is an enormous amount of through traffic on Main St. Offering convenient and safe parking would induce more people to stop and visit.
Something needs to be done in front of the Y before there's a terrible accident. There is a need of a crosswalk in front of or, a better sight line to help folks cross the road safely when visiting/using the YMCA, especially when leaving.

Speed is a definite issue

Speed is often a factor.

Speeding is ridiculous on Main St. Especially the area by the YMCA! Put speed bumps in multiple spots and signs then people will have no choice but to slow down. Please do not add bike path along Main street. It's already a very dangerous road and too many pedestrians have gotten hit in last 5 years. I have lived in this town for 36 years and the traffic and medians have made downtown so very dangerous to drive and walk

Stop the speeders

Suggested signage starting at Henny Penny Gas Station: Rectangular 36" x 16" (landscape config) ORANGE (definitely not white - too many other route/misc. signs) background/Black lettering: SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH NEXT 2 MILES STRICTLY ENFORCED. Install another one in the vicinity of East End Park heading West, and one at the Chestnut Street/ABC Pizza "Check Speed" sign (obviously adjust distance remaining statement).

Reasoning: Once past Henny Penny, all drivers see is a four-lane highway in front of them, with no indication of the upcoming lane configuration changes or that they are entering Winsted's downtown area.

Prior to any road/land changes, try this signage for six months, combined with a high financial penalty for speeding. Evaluate/review and move forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my thoughts on the matter.

Thank you for this survey opportunity.
Can we encourage a slower down town?
Yes! Cops cops cops visible every where.. on foot.. on bikes..i don't feel safe walking alone nor letting our children walk alone.

The City Walk needs new signage!

The new lights along Main St. look nice but, they don't give off enough light. U have narrow roads, a median in the way and poor lighting. Amazes me there has not been more accidents. Whenever something is done about the Main St. situation, the lighting should also b looked in to.

I have always thought make diagonal parking like u c in a lot of other towns, if it is doable.

The original idea that cane up during the redesign of main st parking should be revisited. (Parellel parking) with traffic two lanes on river side. This gave a safe parking option slows down traffic which will possibly have passerby's see the business's and may stop. Residents can always bypass using prospect/willow and hinsdale/wetmore if they think they get caught in trafic. This should start at St.Joseph's church and end at ambulance barn. Would be great to do entire main ftom DQ on down but the road is not wide enough in those spots.

the problem solver here is simple, enforce the speeding. Bike lane be great if the speeding was strictly controlled.

The speeding is just unnecessary for so many reasons and would be most likely a huge change for the better.

The sidewalks in many areas need repair, many are uneven and have seen people fall in certain areas. Very dangerous

The traffic is way to fast on Main st....hardly any reaction time ...move the parking spots farther back from crosswalks , so people can be seen entering them ,from drivers approaching....also put the stop for people in crosswalk signs back up ,so that people may slow down ,if they see them ... the parking issue is certainly a tricky one...don't care for the medians either ...they cram up an already tight congested area ,particularly in the winter time ,when lanes are already narrowed by the snow.....

The true problem that needs to be addressed is the traffic flow surrounding the green - from Rowley to Main Street to South Main Street and beyond. Perhaps a roundabout should be implemented? They recently put one in
(begudgingly) by the MADOT in Great Barrington - the traffic flow is significantly better in that portion of town. Additionally, flashing rectangular/rapid flash beacons/enhanced crosswalks down Main Street. Crosswalk visibility enhancements. Please DON'T charge for parking!! I'm a small business owner and it would deter me from coming out to our already struggling downtown businesses.

There are sections of Main St that I feel are unsafe to cross, like Dairy Queen, CVS, and the college area. In general most of the area is pretty reasonable.

there is a definite problem with speeding and running red lights on Main Street

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There is never any parking for winsted news

There is no way for Winsted to thrive without proper parking for its businesses There is great momentum going at the moment. Parking is an absolute necessity to ensure Winsted's economic revival.

There needs to be better speed control from police. Two lanes of traffic allow for people to drive way too fast. People in crosswalks almost hit on a daily basis because drivers cut around the car that has stopped.

There needs to be more of a police presence on the roads. Speeding is out of control

This week I saw a man using a power scooter almost get hit going through a crosswalk on Main Street because a car tried to pass the car that was stopped. Would completed support a redesign to decrease speed.

Traffic flowing down main street at time is outright dangerous. Vehicles do not adhere to speed limits. It is often not safe parallel parking along main street. Drivers in general in this state are aggressive and speed.

Two way traffic on the two existing east bound lanes and angle parking on the two existing west bound lanes

We are HUGE fans and supporters of the nose in parking and believe that alone will also slow traffic. We live on Spencer Hill and believe the parking change will be an economic game-changer for the town. Side note: we should also create a commission on store frontage and signage to control for consistency and uniformity.

We need something to slow people down like more traffic lights or speed bumps

We walk downtown from the West End. Better sidewalks needed.

Why is there no police presence or monitoring of Main st? It's pitiful how fast and reckless people drive through that area. Way too many people double park, they do not look out for pedestrians. It is EXTREMELY unsafe and a miracle no one has been killed.

with the way the cars park, when you are passing, there have been to many times I have almost hit wide open doors of parked cars. It is not safe and I try to avoid driving down that road as much as I can

Would rather see speed bumps than lane narrowing. Areas around the YMCA and the intersection by DQ are especially bad.

Yes, we absolutely need a redesign. Please!

Yes. Don't walk your pets on the sidewalk if you are NOT picking the pets poop. It is very nasty to walk down Main Stree and see this on the side walk. I love our town. We have such a beautiful town.

You need a flashing light pedestrian crossing near the Y so seniors can safely cross the lanes