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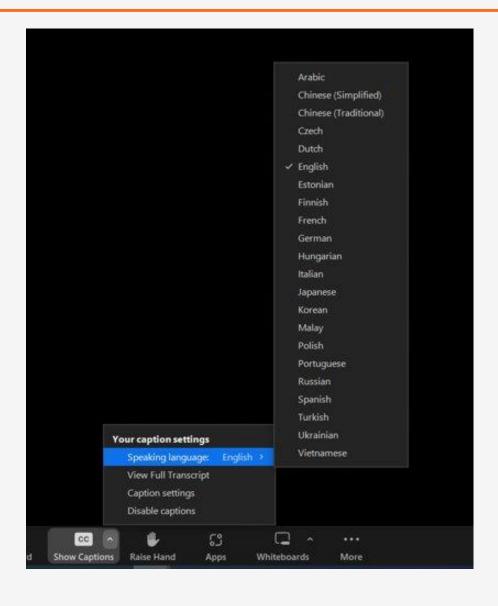
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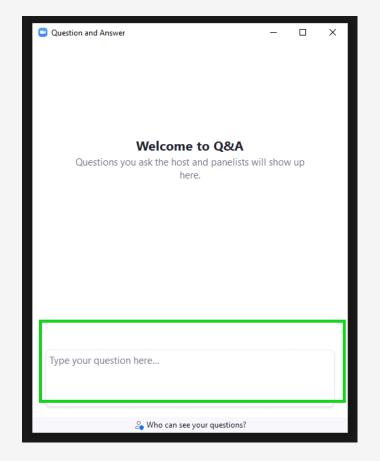




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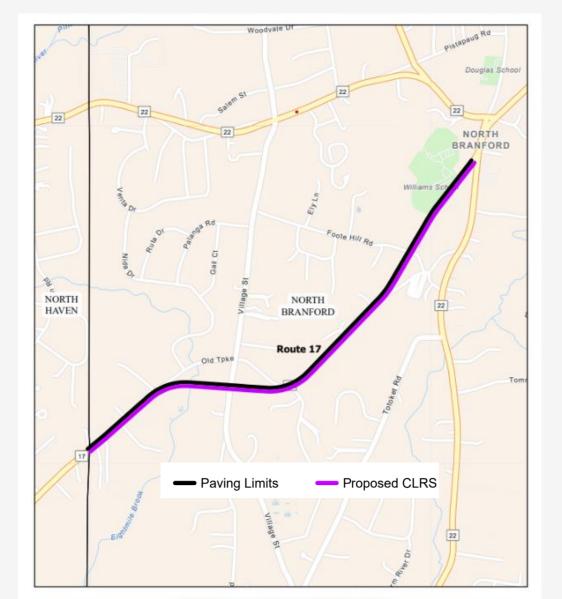
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- Why Use CLRS
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- Where CLRS are being used
- Cost and Schedule
- Q&A Session



Project Description

CTDOT will be resurfacing Route 17 (Middletown Ave) from the North Haven town line to Route 22 in North Branford during the 2025 construction season, a total length of 1.8 miles.

It was determined that the entire 1.8-mile-long section of Route 17 being resurfaced is eligible for Centerline Rumble Strips (CLRS).





What are Centerline Rumble Strips?

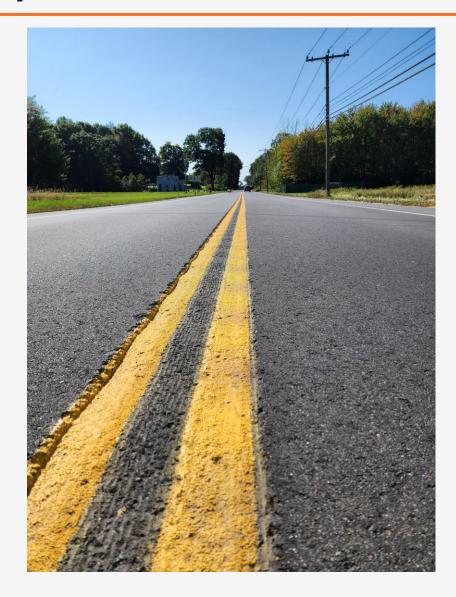
CLRS are grooved patterns installed in the center of the roadway intended to alert distracted, drowsy, or inattentive drivers, through vibration and sound, that they have crossed the centerline.

CLRS installed on state routes differ from shoulder rumble strips on limited-access highways.

They are:

- More shallow,
- Spaced further apart,
- And have sinusoidal shape.





Guidance for CLRS Eligibility

- Roadways with at least 2,000 vehicles/day.
- Roadways where the pavement is in good condition and is less than 3 years old.
- Roadways that are at least 14 feet wide from centerline to edge of pavement.
- Roadways that have a posted speed limit of 35 mph or greater.
- Low residential density within 100 feet of road.



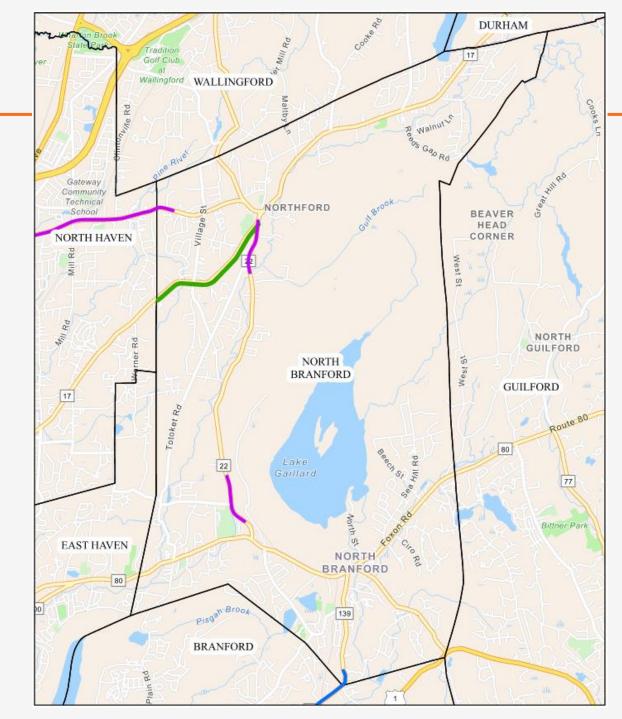
Existing CLRS in and around North Branford

Proposed CLRS

Existing CLRS

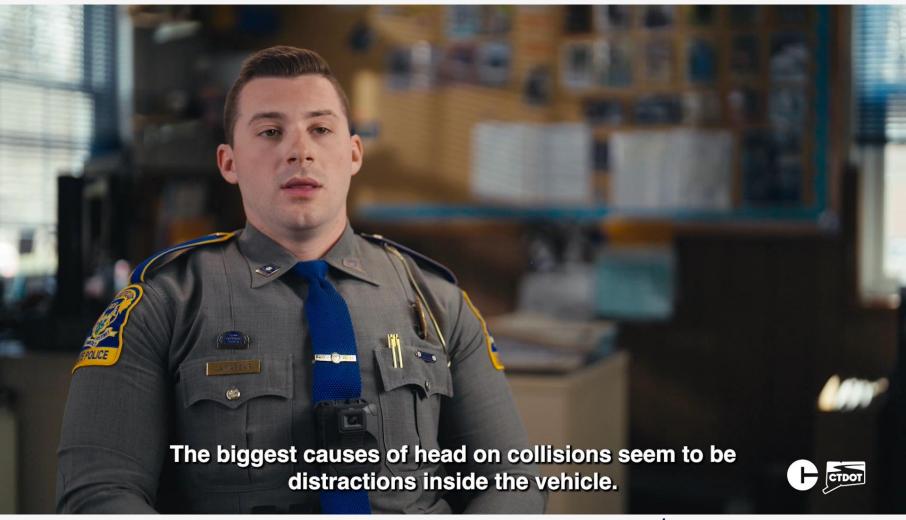
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Video





Rumble Strip Video available at www.youtube.com/@ctdotofficial

Why use Centerline Rumble Strips?

- A large proportion of fatal crashes in Connecticut occur due to roadway departure crashes, CLRS are a <u>proven</u>, <u>low-cost</u> safety countermeasure (~\$5,000 per mile) that should decrease the likelihood of these type of crashes occurring in the future
- The audible and vibratory warning inside a vehicle greatly improves the chances of a quick and safe return to the travel lane.
- Pavement markings are often obscured during inclement weather. The vibration provided by the CLRS assist drivers from unintentionally crossing the centerline during these conditions.



Federal Highway Proven Safety Countermeasures





Enhanced Delineation for Horizontal Curves



<u>Longitudinal Rumble</u> <u>Strips and Stripes on</u> <u>Two-Lane Roads</u>



Median Barriers



Roadside Design Improvements at Curves



<u>SafetyEdge^{s™}</u>



Wider Edge Lines

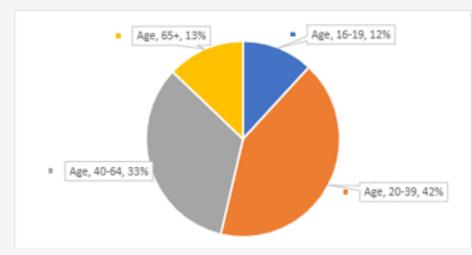


Crashes Affected by CLRS

- In 2024, there were 23 fatalities and 1,800 injuries from head-on and opposite direction sideswipe crashes on non-freeway CT roads.
- CLRS help reduce these type of crashes, which could be attributed to distracted or fatigued driving.
- An age breakdown of these persons injured in crashes associated with vehicles crossing the centerline was performed with ages 20-39 accounting for the most injuries with 42%.





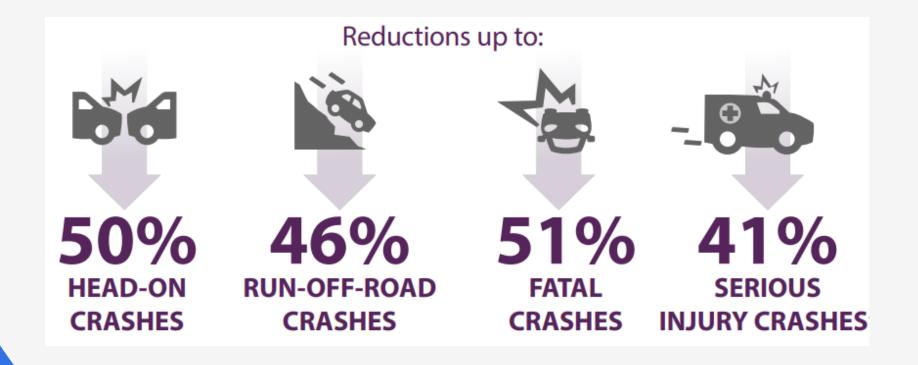




Source: CT Crash Repository ctcrash.uconn.edu

Crashes Affected by CLRS

In the latest 5-year crash period, at least 3 crashes on Route 17 in North Branford may have been prevented by CLRS, where driver crossed the centerline on this segment of Route 17.



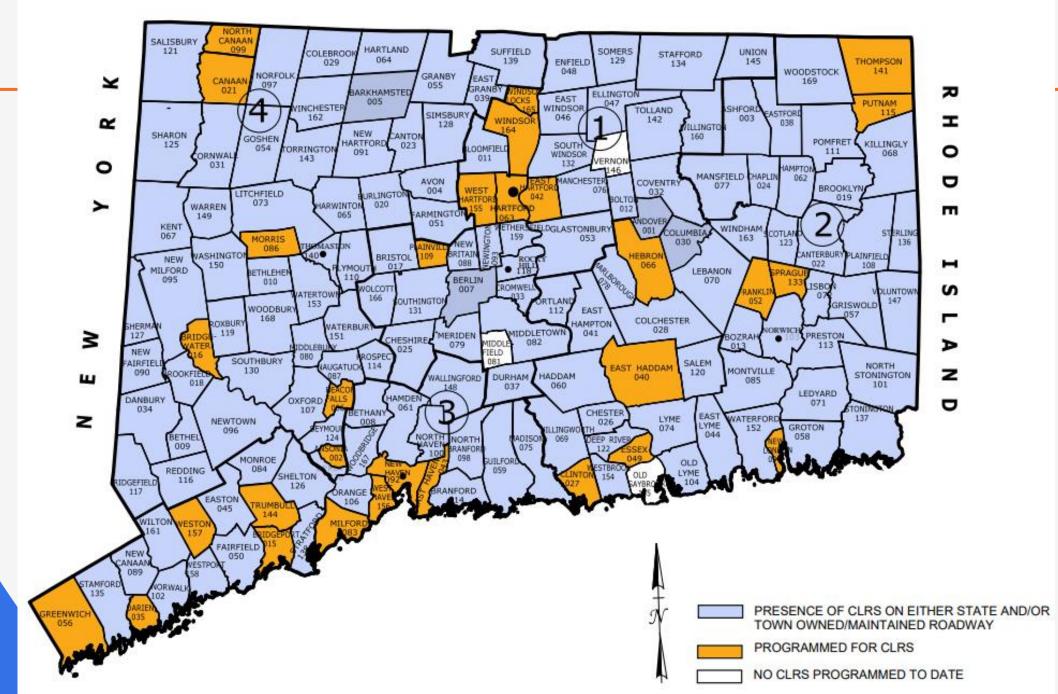


Where CLRS are being used

- CLRS are being used in 43 States including MA, NY, NH,
 VT, ME, and RI to improve safety.
- CT has been installing centerline rumble strips on state and local roads since 2017, with the latest version of the installation specification updated in 2021.
- CT has installed over 500 miles of CLRS on the State system, and over 90 miles of CLRS on local roads, with more being proposed every year.
- Link to the Federal Highway Administration's FHWA
 Video titled "Rumble Strips: The Sweet Sound of Safety".



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CLRS Construction

- 1 dollar per foot for CLRS.
- Total cost of CLRS for Route 17 is approximately \$9000.
- Resurfacing occurred this year.
- Anticipated CLRS installation in 2025-2026.







Question & Answer Session



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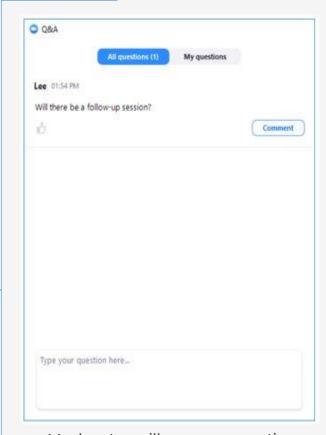


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