

6.0 Vehicle and Pedestrian Circulation

Avon's major thoroughfares cross Avon Center. Route 44 (East and West Main Streets) carries approximately 34,000 vehicles per day through the Route 44/Route 10/202 intersection. The number of vehicles utilizing Route 10/202 (Simsbury Road) drops off significantly to about 15,000 vehicles per day. These two roads are where the great majority of Avon Center's businesses are located.

The Farmington Valley Greenway presently bypasses Avon Center. At the present time it follows Fisher Drive west, then turns south on Ensign Drive, goes through the Town Hall and Police Department parking lots, then runs under Route 44 to Darling Drive. The right-of-way is in place to continue the pedestrian and bicycle path through the Center and along Old Farms Road to connect with the existing trail. This is a critical pedestrian connection that should be implemented in order to provide easy access to Avon Center's businesses and recreational assets. Design for the trail must be done in a manner which is sensitive to nearby single-family residences. **See Avon Center Study Maps 5 and 6** for the proposed general location of the trail.

Close cooperation is also required with the CT DOT regarding landscaping, lighting, and creating and maintaining safe pedestrian crossing points along State highways.



A Section of the Farmington Valley Greenway in Avon

Although there are some sidewalks in Avon Center, improvements are needed to make it more pedestrian accessible. This includes upgrades to existing walks and the addition of new walks. A theme sidewalk pattern, such as brick, will also make the Center more identifiable. Safe pedestrian crossings are required in strategic locations to enhance pedestrian movement. **The Avon Center Study Map 6** presents a pedestrian plan for the Center.



Avon has some sidewalks. Adding trees will help identify the Center, provide shade, and help slow the speed of traffic.