

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information/CEPA Scoping Meeting\* concerning the proposed Replacement of Stiles Bridge, Bridge No. 01524, carrying Route 191 over the Scantic River in East Windsor on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTEastWindsor46-127>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0046-0127.

Existing Bridge No. 01524 is a 76 foot span steel truss on reinforced concrete abutments. The curb-to-curb width is 27 feet 10 inches, and the out-to-out is 29 feet. The bridge was built in 1925 and the superstructure underwent a significant rehabilitation in 1987. It carries one lane of traffic in each direction. The estimated average daily traffic is 1,500 vehicles.

The proposed project scope is to replace the existing bridge. Replacement is required based on the findings of the latest Bridge Inspection Report in which the bridge was found to be in serious condition. The new structure will be a multi girder steel superstructure on reinforced concrete abutments.

An approximate 9 month closure of Bridge No. 01524 and a corresponding detour of pedestrian and vehicular traffic is required. The proposed detour is approximately 10.7 miles using state routes. There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$9 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent State funds.

The public information meeting is being held to provide the public and local community with the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Mr. Ken-Taro Plude by email at [ken-taro.plude@ct.gov](mailto:ken-taro.plude@ct.gov) . (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling **(800)779-3152** and entering the Participant Code when prompted: **3998306**. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording

will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 17 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at **DOTProject46-127@ct.gov**. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling **(860) 944-1111**. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line **(860) 594-2109**. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

\*A Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Scoping Meeting is required for this project because of an adverse impact on a historic resource (the replacement of Bridge No. 01524). This requirement is per CEPA Regulations 22a-1a-1 to 22a-1a-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and CEPA Statutes 22a-1 to 22a-1h of the Connecticut General Statutes. More information regarding CEPA Scoping is available here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor---Current-Issue>