**Notice of Public Information Meeting**

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 02967, Route 49 over Wyassup Brook in the town of North Stonington on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in the North Stonington Town Hall, 40 Main Street, North Stonington, Connecticut. An open forum for individual discussions with Department officials will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing steel beam bridge with a precast concrete rigid frame structure on pile-supported footings. The rigid frame structure will have a 30-foot clear span over Wyassup Brook. A 5-inch reinforced concrete shear slab with membrane waterproofing and bituminous concrete will be installed over the structure. U-type wingwalls are proposed at all four corners of the bridge on pile-supported foundations. The proposed roadway will be widened to support a 32-foot width, which will accommodate an 11-foot lane and 5-foot shoulder in each direction. Form liner will be installed to improve the aesthetics of the bridge along Route 49.

Construction will be performed during a closure of Route 49 at the bridge site and implementation of a detour route utilizing Routes 184 and 216. Off peak lane closures may be required prior to and after the road closure period to perform certain activities. Access to nearby residences and driveways will be maintained at all times.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Due to the proposed widening of Route 49 at the bridge location, the northern section of the bridge will cross over the State rights-of-way line, which will require a partial take. Additional easements will be required for the relocation of utilities and construction access.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2021 based on the availability of funding. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately $1.825 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 afford a full opportunity for public participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have concerning this proposed project.

The meeting facility is ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department’s Language Assistance Call Line at (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and must instruct the operator to contact (860) 594-2243. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Plans of the proposed project will be on display for public review. Department personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss this project. More detailed information is available at the Department’s Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to discuss the project may contact Louis Bacho at (860) 594-3212 or by e-mail at louis.bacho@ct.gov. Concept drawings are also available for review at the North Stonington Town Hall.