

*Everyone Is Invited To A*  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
**State Project No. 140-175**

**Replacement of Retaining Wall**  
**SR 807 (South Main Street)**  
**Town of Thomaston**

TO BE HELD  
**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**At 7 p.m. at the**

**Thomaston Town Hall**  
**Lena Morton Gallery**  
**Third Floor Room**  
**158 Main Street**  
**Thomaston, Connecticut**

*Residents, commuters, business owners, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.*

PLEASE JOIN US ON  
**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

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.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## **Calendar Event Submission Form:**

**Event Title:** The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of the retaining wall located along SR 807 (South Main Street) between Grand Street and Elm Street in the town of Thomaston.

**Event Date:** Thursday, August 15, 2019

**Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**End Time:** No specific time

**Event Location:** Thomaston Town Hall, Lena Morton Gallery Third Floor, 158 Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut 06787

**Body:** The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of the retaining wall located along SR 807 (South Main Street) between Grand Street and Elm Street in the town of Thomaston.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing dry stone rubble masonry retaining wall. The wall is approximately 60 feet in length and is approximately 14 feet tall on 4 feet of ledge. A portion of the wall has failed but the rock cut appears to be sound. The retaining wall runs along South Main Street with one travel lane in each direction.

The original construction date of the retaining wall is unknown and appears to predate all property maps on record. The retaining wall supports three residences on two lots and is adjacent to a vacant lot with the remains of an existing brick foundation. A shed and one house are founded on the wall. The foundation of the house is on a short section of wall and the exposed face is composed of brick. Another house is located approximately 40 feet behind the failed section of wall. The retaining wall has failed for approximately 15 feet by 10 feet and collapsed into the roadway. The debris was cleared following the collapse and a temporary safety measure was implemented to stabilize the wall. This temporary measure consists of concrete modular blocks laid in front of the wall with partial backfill of sand. A temporary shift of travel lanes of approximately 12 feet is in place at this location.

The existing retaining wall will be replaced with an Inverted T-Wall founded on the exposed ledge. A leveling pad will be poured to provide a level foundation. The Inverted T-Wall will reduce required excavation compared to other modular block walls.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. The house founded on the existing wall and the nearby shed will require demolition. Easements are required for other adjacent properties.

Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2020 based on the availability of funding. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$750,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 100 percent State funds. Maintenance and Protection of Traffic during the project construction will allow for through traffic in the northbound direction on South Main Street. Southbound traffic will be detoured via East Main Street to Elm Street to South Main Street.

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.

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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 Mary E. Baker at (860) 594-3402 or by e-mail at [mary.baker@ct.gov](mailto:mary.baker@ct.gov). Plans are also available for view at the town of Thomaston.

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