

Notice of Public Information Meeting

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00653 located on Route 10 (Hopmeadow Street) over Hop Brook in the Town of Simsbury on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in the Friends Program Room, located in Simsbury Public Library at 725 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT. The Department will begin the presentation for the project at 7:00 p.m. with a question and answer session to follow. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting may be rescheduled to Tuesday, December 17 at the same time and location.

The purpose of the project is to replace the bridge superstructure and rehabilitate the substructure, which will include concrete repairs and the installation of scour countermeasures for scour mitigation at the abutments. The existing superstructure will be replaced with precast pre-stressed concrete deck units.

Bridge No. 00653 is a 44 foot long, single span structure that carries Hopmeadow Street (Route 10). The structure was originally constructed in 1957 consisting of 16 prestressed deck units. The substructure is constructed of reinforced concrete abutments and wingwalls with spread footings. The bridge received a widened sidewalk and new parapets in 2009, as part of State Project No. 128-143. The rehabilitated bridge has an out-to-out width of 49'-3". The curb-to-curb width is 35'-2" and the sidewalk width is 10'-1 1/2" which carries a portion of the multiuse Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. A 6 inch gas main is supported on the fascia of the sidewalk parapet and eight 4 inch telecommunication conduits are supported on the other parapet fascia.

Maintenance and Protection of Traffic during the project construction will use staged construction to maintain two lanes of traffic during the construction duration. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be constructed to the east of the bridge to enable the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to remain in use throughout construction at the project location.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements including temporary construction easements.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 based on the availability of funding. The project duration is estimated at one construction season. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$3,000,000. 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 Mary E. Baker at (860) 594-3402 or by e-mail at mary.baker@ct.gov.