

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL) PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0094-0235 Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 03819 (Northbound Gold Star Memorial Bridge)

Cities of New London and Groton

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00 pm

City of Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut

Register: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTGoldStar94-235VPIM>

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Question and answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to address the deficiencies of the deck and steel superstructure and to improve freight travel across the Thames River. The project is needed to increase the structural capacity of the bridge so that all legal, permit and emergency vehicles can use the bridge, improve system safety, ensure long-term performance of the bridge and continue to meet the traffic demands of the region. The project includes: replacement of the existing deck, stringers, roadside barriers, fencing, expansion joints, drainage system, highway light standards and overhead sign supports; steel strengthening of the superstructure; repairing and replacing bearings; repairing and cleaning the concrete substructure; construction and reconstruction of approach slabs, pin and hanger maintenance; painting of the steel elements.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Temporary easements will be needed for construction access and laydown areas. No permanent right-of-way impacts are anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2025 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$591.9 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with \$158.2 million in Bridge Investment Project Grant funds and 90 percent Federal funds and 10 percent State funds for the remainder. The project is identified as State Project No. 0094-0235.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTGoldStar94-235VPIM>. Registration is required to participate virtually. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting.

Please direct comments and questions by May 14, 2024 to: DOT.GoldStarBridgeProjects@ct.gov or (860) 594-2020.

ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will be hosted in-person in the Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut and online using Zoom. This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 889 3368 2628. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Tracey Brais, Project Manager, at (860) 594-3171.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five 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.