



## Connecticut Department of Transportation

State Project No. 0403-0017  
Stamford CTtransit Bus Garage  
City of Stamford

May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

### Minutes of Virtual Public Informational Meeting

#### **In Attendance:**

##### Panelists:

Pervej Rahman – CTDOT, Facilities Design – Project Engineer  
Charles Wiegert – CTDOT, Facilities Design – Project Manager  
Adam Fox – CTDOT, Facilities Design – Principal Engineer  
Rabih Barakat – CTDOT, Facilities & Transit Design – Division Chief of Facilities and Transit

##### Attendees:

There were approximately 1 attendee from the public.

#### **Presentation:**

A Virtual Public Information Meeting (VPIM) was held for this project on May 14, 2024. This virtual meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar. A recording of the presentation was uploaded to the Connecticut Department of Transportation YouTube account the morning after the meeting.

A recording of the presentation can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lspeDBehpOw&list=PLay2HBR2uAlwY1Qa40Wj5wR11lw2uj3o&index=1>

Pervej Rahman, CTDOT Project Engineer, opened the meeting, described the means of communication open to participants during the live Q&A session, introduced the project team, and presented Title VI procedures and further introductory information. Charles Wiegert, CTDOT Project Manager, discussed the existing condition and proposed plans of the project (see details below).

During the meeting, links pertaining to the project email address, project phone number, project webpage, voluntary post-meeting survey, and civil rights information were posted for all attendees within the Zoom Webinar Chat.



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### General Overview and Existing Conditions

- The project area was presented with an aerial satellite view.
- The CTtransit Stamford campus has three primary functions for the bus company. Administrative offices, Bus maintenance and Bus Storage of approximately 55 buses. There are two guard booths at each of the entrances to the property. This project will expand the indoor bus storage by 11 buses, not increase existing fleet size; just storing the buses inside that are presently stored outside.
- The purpose of this project is to prepare for the bus fleet to transition to fully electric buses. The State Legislation have mandated the entire states bus transit fleet be 30% electric before the year 2030. The fleet will then transition to fully electric thereafter as the diesel buses are retired from service. As the diesel-powered buses of today reach their scheduled end of life they are being replaced with battery electric buses and this new fleet has different requirements. In the future there will be no need for on-site diesel storage in large quantities, but these battery electric buses must be stored indoors so they can be kept within a certain temperature range.

### Proposed Plans

- There will be 11 buses stored in the building. To maximize space, there will be a mezzanine in the back of the building to store all the charging equipment. The building was designed to hold a large solar array on the roof, that will be getting installed after the building is complete as a separate future project. The fence around the site is falling, broken and in poor condition so it will be replaced with a new chain-link fence comparable to what is there today. The two existing guard booths will be getting replaced with new units in the same locations and there will be some additional security upgrades on the site. The way the property is accessed today is two-way traffic along Elm Court. Elm Court is very narrow, so the new primary entrance to the site will be through the Myrtle Avenue driveway, which is right next to the I-95 overpass and exit only onto Elm Court. Finally, after all the construction is done almost the entire site will be repaved with new asphalt.

### Impacts

- It was stated that no utilities will be impacted by this project.
- It was stated that no Right of Way (ROW) impacts are anticipated, and the work will not impact any private property.
- It was stated that no wetlands or watercourse impacts are anticipated. A Construction Stormwater General Permit will not be required.

### Construction Schedule and Cost

- It was stated that the anticipated schedule is for construction to start in Fall 2024 and to be completed by Fall 2026.
- It was stated that the anticipated construction cost is \$14,400,000 and the project is to be 80% federal-funded and 20% state-funded.



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**Public Questions and Comments:**

No questions were asked and answered during the live Question & Answer session through the Zoom Webinar Q&A tool.

**Adjournment:**

The project was generally well received by the attendees. The live virtual presentation was closed at approximately 7:25 p.m. Charles Wiegert restated to the attendees the means of contact for submitting any comments/questions after the presentation regarding the project. Attendees were notified of the end date of the comment period of May 28, 2024. Participants were encouraged to take the voluntary post-meeting survey. All attendees were thanked for their time and attention related to the project presentation.