

Connecticut Department of Transportation

**State Project No. 0150-0137
Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00906
Carrying US Route 202 over the Shepaug River
Washington, CT**

**Monday, June 17, 2024
Zoom Webinar**

Minutes of the Virtual Public Informational Meeting

Presenters/Speakers:

Isuf Vlashi (CTDOT)
Robert Bahler (CHA)
Brian Chamberlin (Jacobs)

CTDOT Attendees:

Francisco Fadul

Consultant Liaison Engineer (CLE) Attendees:

Francisco Garcia (CHA)
Naomi Cohen (CHA)

Consultant Designer Attendees:

Justin Furst (Jacobs)
Michael Amorando (Jacobs)

Public Attendees:

(3) via Zoom, (3) via YouTube

Presentation:

A virtual presentation was held through a Zoom Webinar for the project. Mr. Isuf Vlashi, from CTDOT, started the meeting with a few words of introductions. The technical presentation was then delivered by Mr. Brian Chamberlin, from Jacobs Engineering Group, and Mr. Robert Bahler, from CHA, moderated the Q&A Session.

The presentation began at 7:05 p.m. Following an introduction of the project and the project design team, the following items were presented:

- The purpose and need of the project, which is to address bridge deficiencies to ensure major bridge components are in a stage of good repair and address the bridge deterioration.
- The project will replace the existing concrete bridge deck with a new bridge deck, provide a protective coating on the structural steel, and substructure concrete repairs, along with other miscellaneous bridge repair tasks.
- Construction will utilize stage construction to facilitate traffic control during construction. Traffic will follow an alternating one-way pattern controlled by a temporary traffic signal.
- The estimated Construction cost is: \$6,700,000 (80% Federal and 20% State Funds).
- Construction is expected to start April 2027 and end November 2027.

Public Comments and Questions:

Question 1: My driveway is to the first driveway to the east of the project. Will traffic be lining up in front of my driveway entrance? Maybe the stop sign could be put after my driveway?

- *Answer: Design has arranged for the driveways to not be blocked during construction and the stop bar for the traffic signal will be after the resident's driveway.*

Question 2: We live on the corner of Wilbur Road and Route 341 and are very concerned that the traffic on our No-Thru street will become even busier than it is now. What can we do about this?

- *Answer: Design responded that the project should not increase traffic on Wilbur Road. Wilbur Road is posted as a No-Thru street and if there are thru vehicles traveling on the roadway, then the Town will need to enforce that as it is a town road. The design team will look into adding construction signs to help keep traffic off of Wilbur Road.*

Question 3: Will you be stopping people who kayak or tube down river?

- *Answer: River activities such as kayaking, tubing or fishing should not be interrupted by the project as all work will be done from the roadway above. The contractor will be mindful of activities on the river and may need to pause work, as needed.*

Question 4: Will there be interruptions to my utilities?

Answer: Although utilities will need to be temporarily relocated during construction, interruptions to utility services are not anticipated for the project.

Question 5: Will you be cutting down a lot of trees?

Answer: There will need to be some tree clearing performed along the roadway embankment in locations where proposed grading is required. Also, where the new drainage pipes and outlets are to be installed, tree clearing will be required. Overall, tree clearing will be minimal.

The following additional questions were received during the two-week comment period following the virtual public information meeting:

No questions have been received after the virtual public information meeting at this time.

Adjournment: The project was generally well received by those attending the meeting. The live virtual presentation was closed at approximately 7:40 pm.