

Connecticut Department of Transportation

**State Project No. 0140-0174
Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01729 carrying Route 8 SB over Reynolds Bridge Road
Thomaston**

**December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Lena Morton Gallery at Town Hall
158 Main Street, Thomaston**

Minutes of Public Informational Meeting

Present:

Edmond V. Mone – Thomaston First Selectman
Karen Svertz – Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

5 residents

Bryan H. Reed – Bridge Design
Nicholas J. Martin – Bridge Design
Richard Symonds – D4 Construction

Prior to the presentation:

Prior to the formal presentation, an abutter shared his concern regarding the noise from trucks on Rt. 8 SB as the vehicles cross the bridge. The abutter was informed that the Department would investigate this matter.

Also, the abutter expressed concern about the noise of the construction work and asked if work on the project would be performed at night. The abutter was informed that the Contractor's work operations would not be limited to specific times during the day. However, the noise resulting for the Contractor's work operations is limited by the Contract documents.

Commentary: Following the meeting, while traveling in a car on Rt. 8 SB over the bridge, Mr. Martin and Mr. Reed observed and experienced a bump in the pavement on the north approach to the bridge. Bridge Design will coordinate with Highway Design to ensure project limits encompass this area and the contract documents include details to address this deficiency as this bump may contribute to the truck noise experienced by the abutter.

Presentation:

The presentation was started at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Bryan Reed, the Project Manager, who welcomed all attendees to the meeting, thanked the Town of Thomaston for allowing the Department to hold the meeting, acknowledged the Town official in attendance, introduced the Department representatives. The attendees were informed that copies of MS4 pamphlets, which address storm water management, were available. Attendees were also informed of an optional, 6 question, public meeting demographic survey and encouraged to complete the survey.

Mr. Reed introduced Nicholas Martin, the Project Engineer, who presented the overview of the project. The following were key points of the presentation:

- Basic information on the existing bridge
- Existing bridge condition, deterioration and reason for superstructure replacement
- General scope of work and method of construction
- Traffic maintenance, including short-term closure of Reynolds Bridge Road to traffic and associated detour
- Overhead utility constraint
- Environmental considerations
- Rights of way impact
- Project Schedule
- Project Cost and Funding

A question and answer period followed.

Public Comments and Questions:

After the presentation was concluded, the attendees had a number of questions for Department personnel. The following items were discussed:

- Karen Svertz of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments asked if the steel plate girder would be painted.

Response/Discussion: Ms. Karen Svertz was informed that the steel plate girders for the new superstructure will be galvanized. The galvanized coating will provide a longer service life and less future maintenance than paint. The Department has a few galvanized bridge in tis inventory.

- A resident asked if debris from the demolition of the existing superstructure were to damage Reynolds Bridge Road would the roadway be repaired.

Response/Discussion: The Contract documents will require the Contractor to protect the roadway and subsurface utilities below the structure from damage during demolition and other work activities. If damage occurs, the Contract documents will require the Contractor to repair the damage. Upon completion of the project, the roadway condition shall be in a state of good repair.

- Karen Svertz of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments asked if this public information meeting will be the last meeting for this project.

Response/Discussion: She was informed that no additional public information meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the design phase of the project. Edmond Mone, the First Selectman, said that he would inform the Department if any residents request another meeting.

Commitments:

No commitments were made to the Town or the residents by the Department at the meeting.

Public Response:

No public objections to the project, including the short-term road closure and detour of Reynolds Bridge Road, were voiced by the Town official, Regional Council or residents in attendance.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.