

Connecticut Department of Transportation

**State Project No. 154-125
Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00230, Carrying Willard Ave over I-95
In the Town of Westbrook**

**September 03, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Public Information Meeting
Microsoft Teams Live Event and Youtube Live**

Minutes of Public Informational Meeting

Present:

Town of Westbrook Attendees

MS Teams – 8 Attendees

Youtube Live – 5 Attendees

Department of Transportation

Andrew J. Cardinali – Bridge Design, Principal Engineer

Bao K. Chuong – Bridge Design, Project Manager

Zoltan Kanyo – Bridge Design, Project Engineer

Nicholas McNulty – Bridge Design, Design Engineer

Robert Moore – CTDOT Visual Media Unit

Presentation:

The live event broadcasted over MS Teams and Youtube Live started at approximately 5:30 p.m. and was given by Mr. Bao Chuong, Mr. Zoltan Kanyo and Mr. Nicholas McNulty. The following are the key points of the presentation:

- Introduction to the project and the project team.
- In-depth detail regarding the Q&A portion following the formal presentation.
- Title VI and survey information.
- Details of the of the location and existing conditions of bridge No. 00230.
- Purpose and Need for the project.
- Proposed rehab procedure: remove existing deck, blast clean and paint existing girders, construct new deck on the existing girders and substructure.
- Road closure and detour:
 - The road closure and associated detour will be 8-10 weeks in the summer of 2022 outside of school year.
 - Pond Meadow road to the west and Route 153 to the east will serve as detour routes.
- Project Schedule, Cost, and Funding

Public Comments and Questions:

What route will we take during construction, we live on Willard Avenue?

Mr. Kanyo: The local road of Pond Meadow Road, which is approximately 0.3 miles to the west of the bridge, will serve as the local detour route. Route 153 to the east of the bridge is also available as an alternate detour route.

How much of the town's money will be going toward this project?

Mr. Chuong: The project is 80 percent federally funded and 20 percent state funded. There is no cost incurred by the town associated with the construction phase of this project.

I live on Willard Avenue, how will my property be affected by this?

Mr. Kanyo: There are no anticipated rights of way acquisitions associated with this project. All of the work is anticipated to be done within the existing State right of way. No private property will be affected.

How long can we expect this project to last?

Mr. Kanyo: The overall duration is expected to be 7 months starting in April of 2022. The majority of the work will be done within the 8-10 week detour in the summer of 2022.

Is the bridge safe in its current state to drive on?

Mr. Kanyo: Every State owned bridge is on a biannual inspection cycle by The Department's Bridge Safety and Evaluation Unit. During these inspections, the bridge is rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 9 being an excellent rating and 1 being of an imminent failure. When a bridge is rated a 4, a project is initiated to rehabilitate or replace the existing structure. A recent load rating analysis has been completed for Bridge No. 00230 that takes into account the existing deterioration and the bridge is deemed safe to drive on.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m. The question and comment period is open through September 17th during which time the project team will continue to monitor the voicemail and project email for additional public input.