



# Environmental Monitor

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**May 2, 2023**

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## Scoping Notice

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated. [Read More](#)

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### 1. Notice of Scoping for Track Improvement and Mobility Enhancement (Time - 1): Metro North Railroad

**Municipalities where proposed project might be located:** Bridgeport and Stratford

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Mile Post (M.P.) 56.77 (east of Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport) running easterly to M.P. 60.30 (approximately 400 feet east of East Main Street/State Route 113, Stratford).

**Project Description:** The purpose of TIME-1 is to increase the Maximum Authorized Speed (MAS) of a three-mile section of Metro North Railroad (MNRR) in Bridgeport and Stratford from 70 mph to 90 mph. The project will consist of the reconstruction of track to improve track geometry from M.P. 56.77 (east of Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport) running easterly to M.P. 60.30 (approximately 400 feet east of East Main Street/ State Route 113, Stratford), including corresponding overhead catenary adjustments and the reconstruction of eight bridges using accelerated construction techniques. Bridges at Bishop Avenue (Bridgeport), Bruce Avenue (Stratford), W. Broad Street (Stratford), King Street (Stratford), Main Street (Stratford), Longbrook Avenue (Stratford) and East Main Street (Stratford) that intersect with MNRR will be replaced as part of this project.

**Project Maps:** [Click here](#) to view maps of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 9, 2023.**

**There will be a hybrid virtual/ in-person public scoping meeting for this proposed action:**

**DATE:** April 25, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Stratford Town Hall, Council Chambers (Room 211), 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615

**NOTES:** The meeting location is ADA accessible. Language assistance, including American Sign Language, may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line at (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 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. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

**Other Information:** If you choose to attend the meeting virtually, you will need to register using the following link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube at <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>. Persons with limited internet access may use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 835 2949 7469. Requests for hardcopies of meeting materials may also be

requested by contacting Haresh Dholakia ([Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov](mailto:Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov); 860-594-3173). 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: [portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive](https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive).

**Additional information about the project can be viewed online at:** <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT300-214>

**Written comments, questions about the scoping meeting, or questions about the project should be sent to (email preferred):**

**Name:** Mr. Haresh Dholakia, Transportation Supervising Engineer

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and Construction

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

**Phone:** 860-594-3173 or 860-594-2020

**E-Mail:** [Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov](mailto:Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov) or [DOTProject300-214@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject300-214@ct.gov)

**Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency:**

**Name:** Ms. Alice M. Sexton

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

**E-Mail:** [Alice.Sexton@ct.gov](mailto:Alice.Sexton@ct.gov)

**What Happens Next:** The sponsoring agency will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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## Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More](#)

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## Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More](#)

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## EIE Notice

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#). [Read More](#)

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## Agency Record of Decision

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) is developed, an agency will prepare a concise public record of decision, which takes into consideration the agency's findings in the EIE, and any comments received on that evaluation. [Read More](#)

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## OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) and record of decision are developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the EIE and the associated process are adequate. If not, OPM will specify the areas of inadequacy with reference to CEPA or the CEPA regulations and specify the corrective action required. [Read More](#)

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## State Land Transfer Notice

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the process.](#)

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*The following State Land Transfer Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.*

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### 1. Comments and the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Responses for the Proposed Land Transfer in Suffield

**Complete address of property:** Overhill Drive, Suffield, Connecticut

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information:** The property is located on two parcels to the west and north of Overhill Drive. The parcels are identified on the town's property cards as Parcel # 76H-45-179 and Parcel # 65H-45-184.

**Number of acres to be transferred:** 27.5

[Click to view](#) map of property location

[Click here](#) to view the previous edition of the *Environmental Monitor* in which the notice of intent to transfer this property (Step I) first appeared.

[Click here](#) to read the comments received from the public and state agencies regarding the proposed transfer of the property, and OPM's response to the comments.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:** The Office of Policy and Management agrees with the Department of Transportation's (DOT) responses to the public comments received regarding the subject Land Transfer Notices. The property identified above may be transferred after 15 days with no further public notice.

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## 2. Comments and the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Responses for the Proposed Land Transfer in North Canaan

**Complete address of property:** The property is located on four separate parcels along the easterly side of Ashley Falls Road and North Elm Street in North Canaan, Connecticut. [The original notice](#), published on October 18, 2022, only included two of the parcels. [The revised notice](#) made the appropriate corrections.

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information:** The parcels are identified on the property field cards as Parcel ID# 29/041-0, Parcel ID#29/048-0, Parcel ID# 22/330-0, and Parcel ID# 29/049-0. The smallest parcel (#29/048-0) is a small narrow strip of land that provides direct access to the other parcels (#29/041-0, #22/330-0, and #29/049-0) from Ashley Falls Road.

**Number of acres to be transferred:** 27.45+/- (Please note that the acreage on the property field cards is inaccurate).

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**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:** The Office of Policy and Management agrees with DOT's responses to the public comments received regarding the subject Land Transfer Notices. The property identified above may be transferred after 15 days with no further public notice.

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## 3. Comments and the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Responses for the Proposed Land Transfer in Woodbridge

**Complete address of property:** 7 Forest Road, Woodbridge, CT

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: Map/Block/Lot: 26026757** The property is known as Lots 17-18 in Block C on Plan entitled "Woodbridge Heights, New Haven's Finest Residential Suburb". The property is bounded North by Lot 19 in said Block on said Plan 100 feet more or less; East by Sylvan Ave., 50 feet more or less; South by Lot 16 in said Block on said Plan, 100 feet more or less; West by Lots 36-37 in said Block on said Plan 50 feet more or less.

**Number of acres to be transferred:** 0.12

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## CEPA Project Inventory

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) maintains a list of projects that have entered the CEPA process. It shows each project's status. The inventory can be found [here](#).


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## CEQ Contact Information

All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: [paul.aresta@ct.gov](mailto:paul.aresta@ct.gov).

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