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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](#)

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for State and Chapel Development

Address of possible location: 300 State Street & 742-760 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT

Municipality where proposed action might be located: New Haven

Project Description: The project will involve the development of an underutilized parking lot (300 State Street) and the adjoining historic buildings (Chapel Street) into 76 units of newly constructed affordable housing rental units. A new structure will be built at 300 State of a type and scale compatible with the adjoining historic structures and connect to the rear façade of 742 Chapel to create one integrated mixed-use property. The State Street lot is a 0.42-acre parking lot, and the Chapel property is approximately 0.54 acres. The total gross square footage for the project is 115,000. There will be no demolition on site. The Chapel buildings will be preserved and rehabilitated in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the project already and have part approval. The State & Chapel development will include the preservation and rehabilitation of the Chapel buildings located at 742-760 Chapel Street (3 buildings). These buildings are located in a Historic District listed on the National Register. The rehabilitation will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. The following historic approvals received to date: SHPO Part 1 approval for 742 Chapel, SHPO Part 1 approval for 756 Chapel, SHPO Part 1 approval for 760 Chapel, NPS Part 1 approval for 742 Chapel, SHPO Part 2 Approval for 742 Chapel, NPS Part 2 Approval for 742 Chapel. Part 2 applications for 756 and 760 Chapel were submitted to the SHPO in November 2021. The project is not in any floodzone.

Project Map: [Click here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **November 17th, 2023.**

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a public scoping meeting. Such requests must be made by: **October 27th, 2023.**

Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to

Name: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@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: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@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*.

2. Notice of Scoping for Relocation of Route 8 Southbound (SB) Interchange 34

Address of possible location: Route 8 in the southbound (SB) direction and on the local roadway network within the vicinity of Interchange 35 On-ramp (Route 73) and Interchange 34 Off-ramp. The proposed project area encompasses Route 8 SB from Mile Marker 31.56 to Mile Marker 30.62. The existing Interchange 35 On-Ramp begins at E. Aurora Street. The existing Interchange 34 Off-Ramp terminates at West Main Street. The local roadway network of interest extends from E. Aurora Street to the north, West Main Street to the south, Grandview Avenue to the west and northbound (NB) Watertown Avenue to the east.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Waterbury

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to improve safety, traffic flow, and air quality by reducing traffic congestion on West Main Street and Route 8 SB in the vicinity of Interchanges 34 and 35. Currently, Watertown Avenue is a separated pair of one-way roads between West Main Street and Robbins Street with SB Watertown Avenue located west of Route 8 and NB Watertown Avenue located east of Route 8. Immediately to the west of Route 8, the SB Watertown Avenue and Route 8 SB Interchange 34 Off-Ramp approach West Main Street adjacent to but separated from each other.

This project proposes to relocate the Route 8 SB Interchange 34 Off-Ramp from the current terminus at West Main Street further north to the intersection of Robbins Street at Watertown Avenue to improve traffic operations along the West Main Street corridor. The existing Route 8 SB Interchange 34 Off-Ramp will be repurposed to convert SB Watertown Avenue to a bi-directional roadway. The existing NB Watertown Avenue alignment to the east of Route 8 will be closed; the on-ramp to Route 8 NB will remain open. Additional lane configuration and traffic signal improvements would be provided at the project intersections of West Main Street at Watertown Avenue and Riverside Streets. The intersection of West Main Street at Highland Avenue, located to the west, is proposed to convert to traffic signal control with lane configuration improvements. Intersection improvements, including a new traffic signal, are also proposed at the intersection of Watertown Avenue at Robbins Street and the realigned Route 8 SB Interchange 34 Off-Ramp. To accommodate the relocation of the Route 8 SB Interchange 34 Off-Ramp further north, modifications are also proposed to the Route 8 SB Interchange 35 On-Ramp to extend the auxiliary lane between the Interchange 35 On-Ramp and Interchange 34 Off-Ramp.

Project Map: [Click here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, November 30, 2023.**

There will be a public scoping meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Chase Park House, 150 Sunnyside Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708

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.

Comments/questions about the public meeting, or comments/questions about the project should be sent to (email preferred):

Name: Mr. Jonathan Dean, Project Manager

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

E-Mail: Jonathan.Dean@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

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*.

3. Notice of Scoping for Naugatuck Railroad Station Relocation

Address of possible location: Water Street extension between Maple Street and Rubber Avenue, across from Old Firehouse Road.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Naugatuck

Project Description: The Naugatuck Rail Station project involves relocating the Naugatuck Station approximately 0.3 miles south of the existing station on the New Haven Line (Waterbury Branch). The proposed project consists of a new platform and canopy, a new elevator and stair tower, and associated site work. The station will include a new 350' high-level heated fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) platform with an integral heating system along approximately the full length. The platform will be able to accommodate up to a 4-car trainset with 350 feet in length to allow level boarding. Proposed platform amenities include canopies, wind screens, benches, and lighting. The station platform and connecting stair towers will include energy efficient LED lighting that is specifically designed to control the spread of light onto adjacent properties. Passenger information displays are also proposed at the station. Commuters would be able to connect directly to an enclosed structure two-story elevator tower connecting the drop-off area to the platform with ticket vending machines.

Project Maps/Plans: [Click here](#) to view a map of the project area. [Click here](#) to view a proposed site plan.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Wednesday, November 29, 2023.**

There will be a virtual public scoping meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: Wednesday November 15, 2023

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual

NOTES: Please register for the virtual meeting by [Clicking here](#). Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and 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: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>.

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 823 7970 6049. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Richard Bertoli at DOTProject0304-0029@ct.gov or 860-594-2020.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five 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.

Comments/questions about the project or the scoping meeting should be sent to (email preferred):

Name: Mr. Richard Bertoli, Project Manager

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-2020

E-Mail: DOTProject0304-0029@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

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*.

4. Notice of Scoping for Former Scovil Mill Remediation Project

Address of possible location: 11 Candlewood Hill Road

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Haddam

Project Description: Town of Haddam has been awarded a grant of \$1,800,000 to abate and remediate two former mill buildings that were part of the D&H Scoville Hoe Company Mill. The remediation will consist of capping of contaminated soils, construction of engineered controls and/or soil excavation. Following remediation, the Development Partner plans include the adaptive reuse of the existing buildings for commercial purposes, to support the revitalization of Higganum's Village Center.

Project Map: [Click Here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **December 7, 2023.**

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a public scoping meeting. Such requests must be made by: **November 17, 2023.**

Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to

Name: Jennifer Schneider

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: Jennifer.Schneider@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: Mark Burno

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Blvd, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: Mark.Burno@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*.

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](#)

The Following Notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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

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).

Municipalities where proposed action would be located: Bridgeport & Stratford

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On April 4 2023, the CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this action in the *Environmental Monitor*. The CTDOT is unable to publish its determination regarding this action at this time.

Action Status: CTDOT is awaiting additional information pertaining to environmental resource analysis.

Estimated Publication Date: The CTDOT estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before February 20, 2024.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

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

E-Mail: Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The CTDOT 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 CEPA. A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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](#)

1. Post-Scoping Notice for the Town of Bozrah's Sanitary Sewer Extension

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: The project is located along Fitchville Road, Stockhouse Road, River Road, Rachel Drive, Commerce Park Road, and State Route 87 in Bozrah; and along State Routes 87 and 32 in Franklin. It will connect to the Town of Franklin sewer system on Route 32.

Municipalities where it would be located: Bozrah and Franklin

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 8th, 2022, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the Environmental Monitor.

[Comments and responses](#) were received during the public comment period. After consideration of the comments received, the DEEP has determined to proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE).

Agency contact:

Name: Anthony Poon
Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106
Phone: 860-424-3605
E-Mail: Anthony.Poon@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The DEEP will proceed with the preparation of an EIE for the Sanitary Sewer Extension. When an EIE is completed, a notice of the availability of the EIE will be published in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

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](#)

No EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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](#)

No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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](#)

No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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.](#)

No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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](#).

CEQ Contact Information

All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: ceq@ct.gov.

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