Welcome
Public Information and Scoping Meeting

Improvements to the
Merritt Parkway / Route 7 Interchange
&
Merritt Parkway / Main Ave. Interchange

Project 102-269 - City of Norwalk

May 29, 2008
Tonight’s Meeting

- Background
- Role of MPC
- Summary of Public Meetings
- Public Involvement Process
- Alternatives
- Photographs of Original Models
- Next Steps
- Questions / Comments
Background

- 2005 Public Meeting
- Lawsuit
- Gov. Rell’s request to meet w/ Merritt Parkway Conservancy (MPC)
- Comr.’s letter to Gov. Rell – DOT will “bring these alternatives to broader public involvement.”
Role of Merritt Parkway Conservancy (MPC)

- MPC was party to Lawsuit
- Gov. Rell authorized DOT to meet with MPC “…to determine if a reasonable solution balancing the competing concerns can be found.”
- Understanding reached with MPC - Modified Cloverleaf w/ Option D2
- MPC’s role now
Public Meetings

• April 5, 2005 – Public Information Mtg.
• March 18, 2008 – Public Information and Scoping Mtg.
• May 14, 2008 – Mtg. in Silvermine
Public Involvement

• Goal is consensus
• Everyone’s voice heard
  – stakeholder’s meetings
• Additional public meetings
• Must find the best balance
• Decision may involve compromises
• Most prudent and feasible alternative
## Comparison of Primary Alternatives

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*original cost ~ $109 million
Comparison of Primary Alternatives

- Traffic Operations
- Safety
- Wetlands
- Land Use and Socio/Economic
- Natural Resources, Land Cover, Natural Areas and Terrestrial Biota
- Direct and Indirect Property Impacts
- Groundwater and Water Supply Impacts
- Temp. Construction Impacts
Comparison of Primary Alternatives (cont’d)

- Air Quality
- Floodplains
- Forest
- Historic Resource Impacts
- Noise
- Hazardous / Regulated Materials
- Archaeological Impacts
- Cumulative Impacts
- Opportunities for Mitigation of Wetlands/Water Resources
- Cost
Other Alternatives - Alt. 5
Other Alternatives - MPC “Ultimate Option”
Other Alternatives - Michigan Interchange
Other Alternatives - High Speed Roundabouts
Models of Original Design (1994)
Looking West Along Merritt Parkway
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Looking East Along Merritt Parkway
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Looking East Along Merritt Parkway
Looking North Along Main Ave.
Looking North Along Main Ave.
Looking Northwest Toward Main Ave.
Looking Northwest Toward Main Ave.
Looking South Along Rt. 7
Looking South Along Rt. 7
Looking North Along Rt. 7
Looking North Along Rt. 7
Next Steps

- Stakeholders Meetings
- Improve Upon Primary Alternatives
- Develop New Alternatives (?)
- Additional Public Forums
What We Need to Do for You:

- Listen
- Be Responsive
- Provide Transparency
  - Provide you access to information
  - Explain the process
  - When decisions are made, explain why
- Keep You Informed
What We Need from You:

- Continued Involvement
  - Please seek information and participate

- Constructive Comments

- Your Patience
  - There are constraints and complex issues
Contact Information

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