Welcome
Public Information & Scoping Meeting
Improvements to the
Merritt Parkway / Route 7 Interchange
&
Merritt Parkway / Main Ave. Interchange
Project 102-269 - City of Norwalk
March 18, 2008
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Tonight’s Presenters

- Richard Armstrong – CTDOT, Principal Engineer
- Stephen Ulman – Purcell Assoc., Senior Traffic Engineer
Purpose of Tonight’s Meeting

- Presentation of Project Information
- “Scoping Meeting” - CEPA
- Public Input
Background

- Lawsuit
- Re-evaluation of alternatives
- Coordination with Merritt Parkway Conservancy
Principal Arterials
Southwest Connecticut
Historic Structures

Parkway Over
Metro North Railroad

Stop & Shop
Shopping Center
Historic Structures

Parkway Over Norwalk River

Stop & Shop Shopping Center
Historic Structures

Glover Avenue
Over Norwalk River

Stop & Shop
Shopping Center
Alternatives Analysis

- Re-evaluated Original Alternatives
- Developed and evaluated new alternatives
- Coordinated with Merritt Parkway Conservancy – Cloverleaf
Alternatives Shortlist

Original Design

Alternate 12A

MPC “Ultimate Option” (Cloverleaf)

Modified Cloverleaf

Modified Cloverleaf w/ Option D1

Modified Cloverleaf w/ Option D2
Modified Cloverleaf w/ Option D2

Main Avenue

Stop & Shop Shopping Center
Other Cloverleafs
I-91/Rt. 190 - Enfield
I-95/Milford Connector
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I-395/Rts. 2 & 32 - Norwich
## Comparison of Primary Alternatives

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*original cost ~ $109 million
Modified Cloverleaf w/ D2 Main Avenue Lane Arrangements

Main Avenue

Stop & Shop Shopping Center
Opportunities for Public Input

• Tonight’s Meeting

• “Notice of Scoping” – Written comments accepted until the close of business on *March 31, 2008*

• Further Public Involvement After Determination of Preferred Alternative
Opportunities for Public Input (cont’d)

• FOI - Public Access to technical and policy information

• For additional information anytime, Contact ConnDOT as shown on handout
Next Steps / Time Frame

- Environmental Document Phase
  *Spring 2008 thru Fall 2009*

- Next Public Meeting
  *Fall 2008 thru Fall 2009*

- Engineering of Selected Design
  *Spring 2008 thru Fall 2011*

- Environmental Permits
  *Fall 2009 thru Fall 2011*

- Construction
  *2012 thru 2014*
Contact Information

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Written Comments must be sent / postmarked by:

March 31, 2008