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Subject: Seaview Avenue Corridor Improvements
Memorandum of Findings and Determination
Bridgeport, CT

On April 7, 2015 the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. The scoping period concluded on May 7, 2015. During this time, CTDOT received comments from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and from over 20 local residents and groups.

When the Notice of Scoping was published on April 7, 2015, the project included a proposed roadway extension north from the Stewart Street/Bond Street intersection toward the property identified as the potential Lake Success Eco Business Park. The majority of the comments received from the public expressed concern with the potential for development of a large parcel of wooded land in a densely populated and built up area. Additionally, a petition signed by 94 individuals expressing these same concerns was submitted to CTDOT.

However, the northern project limit has since been scaled back, and the project is now proposed to terminate at the intersection of Stewart and Bond Streets, no longer extending toward the potential Lake Success Business Park property.

Based on the comments received and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Checklist, CTDOT does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Comments received were reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the environmental checklist and addressed within the checklist, as appropriate.

Since the project includes federal funding, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act; and in July 2018 the Federal Highway Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact.