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SUMMARY OF MEETING ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Date: September 24, 2002

Project: **I-95 Branford to Rhode Island Feasibility Study**
Connecticut Department of Transportation

State Project No.: 170-2295
CHA Project No.: 11530

Location of Meeting: Clinton

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2002 - 1:30 p.m.

Subject of Meeting: Local Outreach Meeting No. 11

Questions and Comments (with ConnDOT or CHA's response in italics)

1. Exit 62 is used by many Clinton residents, but Exit 63 is the sole exit located in town. West-bound on-ramps at Exit 63 could be improved.
2. Noise is a concern, especially at Whitewood Road area.
3. Clinton Crossing is 5-6 years old; 98% of traffic is from out-of-town (Clinton population is approx. 13,000). Some back-ups occur at the mall entrance with occasional back-ups onto I-95.
4. High School and library are near the Clinton Crossing mall (library on the west side of Rt. 81 just north of the mall and the high school on the east side, opposite the mall); there is a need to install a pedestrian crossing between the library and the high school...near their driveways.
5. Ethan Allen curb-cut just north of the mall access road is poorly located; cars can't exit left easily.
6. NB off-ramps at Exit 63 are quirky because of left onto the local street before intersecting Route 81; however, it does not seem to pose a traffic problem.
7. Commuter parking lot is a problem because High School kids park there and cross Route 81 in close proximity to SB off-ramp.
8. Any major proposed developments? *No, just residential.*
9. Large tract of industrially-zoned property (40-50 acres) is located at Nod Road. It may be marketed as a light industrial park; there is some discussion of building a new interchange at I-95 to provide access to this property.
10. There is no formal traffic diversion plan for when I-95 is closed due to an accident or other incident; the result is that most traffic clogs Route 1.
11. Is there right-of-way available to expand I-95 to 3 lanes? *Yes, in most sections except more right-of-way will be necessary to acquire more land in the area of interchanges; but it's very premature to speculate about what right-of-way may be acquired because this is only a study and the mapping is not based on surveyed maps.*

12. Timeframe for the implementation of recommendations that come out of this study: will projects result in construction during the same time period as the Q-Bridge Project? *It's possible there will be some overlap, but probably not a significant overlap of construction.*
13. What are the current capacity vs use statistics of I-95? *This information is available in the 1999 Study; CTDOT can provide a copy.*
14. Most people in town find that the highway is nearly impassable on the weekends; is that what our Study is finding? *Our counts were done on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the summer of 2002, which is one of the highest peak hour time periods.*
15. Approximately 78 bridges (overpasses/underpasses) would need to be extended (rebuilt) to accommodate a 3rd lane in each direction.
16. Towns were requested to provide a representative to attend the Study Advisory Committee meetings (6 meetings during the course of this Study).
17. Clinton Town Hall Auditorium seats 500 people and is available for CTDOT Public Information (P.I.) meetings, which will begin in January and February.
18. The State's Transportation Strategy Board considers this project a top priority; this study is 100% state funded but major improvements would be constructed with state and federal dollars.

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