

## Notice of Virtual Public Information Meeting

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Ramp Widening of Exit 27A on I-95 NB to Route 8 NB over Warren Street and South Frontage Road in Bridgeport on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTBridgeport15-382>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 15-382.

The purpose of the project is to relieve traffic congestion and minimize crashes on I-95 by increasing the capacity of Exit 27A through the addition of an auxiliary lane.

Project No. 15-382 involves Bridge No. 03532 which carries Exit 27A from I-95 NB to Route 8 N) over Warren Street and South Frontage Road in the city of Bridgeport. The bridge consists of five continuous, curved, steel girders supported on concrete abutments and a four-column pier, with a post-tensioned pier cap. Bridge No. 03532 is approximately 164 feet long and has a 36.8-foot curb-to-curb measurement. The bridge was originally constructed in 1968 and was reconstructed in 2002. During a routine inspection in 2016, the bridge was found to be in satisfactory condition. Currently, Exit 27A has a single auxiliary lane that is approximately one mile in length and opens to two lanes once beyond the gore area of the exit. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes from 2019 indicate 26,400 daily vehicles exiting I-95 NB via Exit 27A.

Bridge No. 00107 carries I-95 NB over Warren Street. Bridge No. 00107 and Bridge No. 03532 share the same west abutment over Warren Street. Bridge No. 00107 is a 76-foot-long single span structure consisting of a steel multi-girder system composite with a reinforced concrete deck supported by reinforced concrete abutments. The curb-to-curb measurement is 152.1 feet. It was built in 1959 and reconstructed in 1998. In a 2018 in-depth and routine inspection, the bridge was found to be in satisfactory condition.

Currently, the vehicle queue lengths for the Exit 27A lane extend upstream past the Exit 27 off-ramp. The project proposes to provide an additional exit lane from I-95 NB to Exit 27A. This will require the widening of Bridge No. 03532 over Warren Street and South Frontage Road. Since Bridge No. 03532 ties into the same western abutment as Bridge No. 00107 and due to the complexity of the existing design, a part of Bridge No. 00107 will also require reconstruction.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$8 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with zero percent Federal Funds and 100 percent State funds.

The Virtual Public Information Meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Mr.

Ryan D. Martin by email at [Ryan.Martin@ct.gov](mailto:Ryan.Martin@ct.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-3205. Please allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (800) 369-2192 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 6929067. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at [DOTProject0015-0382@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0015-0382@ct.gov). Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department'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.