

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00571A (Commodore Hull Bridge) on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded, and 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/DOTSheltonDerby126-176>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0126-0176.

Bridge No. 00571A (Commodore Hull Bridge) carries Route 8 over the Housatonic River, Riverdale Avenue, Hull Street, and Howe Avenue (Route 110) in the cities of Shelton and Derby. The bridge was originally constructed in 1951 and was reconstructed in 1990, which consisted of widening the substructure and superstructure and replacing the concrete deck. The bridge consists of twelve spans totaling approximately 1,578 feet.

The purpose of the project is to mitigate potential scour risk from stream flow in regard to pier foundation stability. Underwater inspection reports show a history of scour at Pier Nos. 9 and 10 in the river. Pier 9 and Pier 10 were both rated Fair (5) in the 2020 Underwater Inspection Report. A scour prediction evaluation was recently completed and found that scour countermeasures are warranted for protection of the foundation of Piers 9 and 10. The following three scour countermeasure alternatives were investigated:

- Permanent steel sheet pile pier foundation enclosures driven to bedrock around each pier.
- Stone riprap placements around the river bottom around each of the two piers
- Precast concrete interlocking armoring unit placements on the river bottom around each of the two piers.

The recommended scour protection design alternative for Bridge Pier Nos. 9 and 10 are precast concrete interlocking armoring unit placements on the river bottom around each of the two piers.

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

Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2023 based on the availability of funding and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$8.3 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 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 Ms. Jessica Carvajal by email at Jessica.Carvajal@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2774, please allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-888-566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. 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 Department Virtual Public Information 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 DOTProject126-176@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.