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Scoping Notices

1. **NEW!** Relocation of I-91 Northbound (NB) Interchange 29 and Widening of I-91 NB and Route 15 NB to I-84 Eastbound, Hartford and East Hartford

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) Not Required

No Post- Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Environmental Impact Evaluations

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Scoping Notices

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The following Scoping Notice has been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for the Relocation of I-91 Northbound (NB) Interchange 29 and Widening of I-91 NB and Route 15 NB to I-84 Eastbound (EB)

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: Hartford and East Hartford

Address of Possible Project Location: I-91 from Interchange 27 to Interchange 29, Route 15 from the Charter Oak Bridge to I-84 EB

Purpose and Need: The purpose and need of this project is to address safety concerns associated with congestion and operational failures at Interchange 29 on I-91 NB, which connects to Route 15 NB and I-84 EB.

Project Description: The following improvements are proposed:

Widen I-91 NB from Interchange 27 to Interchange 29 - To relieve congestion, address significant safety concerns and provide an efficient I-91 to I-84 connection, I-91 NB will be widened to extend the four-lane travel lane section from Interchange 27 to Interchange 29. This widening will occur on the easterly side of I-91 NB and will require modifications to four existing bridges. A total length of approximately 6,700 feet of I-91 NB will be widened.

Relocate the I-91 NB Exit Ramp at Interchange 29 - To address the adverse vertical grade and limited capacity of the existing ramp, it is proposed to remove the existing ramp and provide a major diverge on I-91 NB just south of the overpass of Route 15. The diverge will consist of three lanes of I-91 NB traffic maintained to the right (existing condition) and two lanes to the left via a new bridge over Route 15 SB. This will require realignment of Route 15 and widening of the southern approach to the Charter Oak Bridge.

To avoid widening the Charter Oak Bridge over the Connecticut River, existing pavement markings on Route 15 NB will be modified to accommodate the added lane from the new I-91 NB Interchange 29 ramp. These four travel lanes on Route 15 NB will be carried across the bridge to the existing lane-drop at Interchange 90 to Route 2 and Route 5.

Widen Route 15 NB from the Charter Oak Bridge to the Silver Lane Underpass - Due to the proximity of the four lane merge and lane-drop at Interchange 90, it is proposed that Route 15 will be widened to three travel lanes from Interchange 90 to the Silver Lane underpass, prior to merging with I-84 EB. This widening addresses congestion concerns on Route 15 and allows for a more desirable distance prior to the I-84 EB merge. The improvement will require widening two bridges on Route 15 (Route 15 over Route 5 and Route 15 over Silver Lane).

Project Maps: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday September 18, 2015.

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address or email below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by Friday August 28, 2015.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

If you have questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

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Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

No Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

EIE Notices

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

No Environmental Impact Evaluation has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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