



PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

STATE PROJECT NO. 12-96
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER (CN) PEDS (169)
CONSTRUCTION OF CHARTER OAK GREENWAY
SHARED USE PATH
IN THE TOWNS OF MANCHESTER AND BOLTON

TOWN OF BOLTON BOLTON TOWN HALL 222 BOLTON CENTER ROAD BOLTON, CONNECTICUT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 6:30 P.M. Q & A Session 7:00 P.M. Presentation

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GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in the Towns of Manchester and Bolton. The project limits begin at Finley Street in the Town of Manchester, at the eastern limit of State Project No. 76-217. The project extends easterly approximately 11,570 feet (2.2 miles) and ends at the Hop River State Park Trail at Bolton Notch Pond, in the Town of Bolton.

PROJECT PURPOSE: A Public Informational Meeting was held on January 23, 2013, for this project. Subsequent to that meeting, coordination has taken place with the Town and the abutters. Various alternates were developed regarding the overhead pedestrian bridge crossing location on Route 6/44. It has been collectively decided that the location of this bridge crossing will be revised to east of the commuter parking lot. This meeting is to keep the public informed regarding the current design.

The purpose of the project is to extend the Charter Oak Greenway and connect with the Hop River State Park Trail. This will enhance continuity with the existing bicycle trail system throughout the State, while providing an alternative to motor vehicle transportation. This project is one of the several shared use path projects within the Department, which are currently in the design or construction phase.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will consist of the construction of a shared use path, to provide a dedicated space separated from motorized vehicular traffic by open space or physical barrier. The path may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers and other non-motorized users. It will consist of 2 bi-directional travel lanes with 5 feet of grass shoulders. The project begins at the intersection of Camp Meeting Road (SR 534) and Finley Street, continuing through wooded terrain, across the Manchester/Bolton town line, to the I-384 eastbound exit 5 off ramp. It then continues parallel along the ramp to its terminus. Crossing the off ramp at this location, the path will follow along the Route 85 overpass of I-384 to a loop ramp. The path continuing easterly, under the Route 85 overpass, will run parallel to the north side of I-384 for approximately 3,500 feet. It crosses under the I-384 eastbound on ramp then over the I-384 westbound off ramp to Route 6/44 westbound via a pedestrian bridge. The path descends via a loop ramp to continue easterly and ends at the existing parking lot for the Hop River State Park Trail at Bolton Notch Pond, in the Town of Bolton. Access to the path will also be provided from the commuter parking lot.

A physical barrier will be installed at locations where the shared use path is within five feet of the vehicular traffic. The surface of the proposed path will be bituminous concrete. Bike racks will be installed in the commuter parking lot and will be maintained by others.

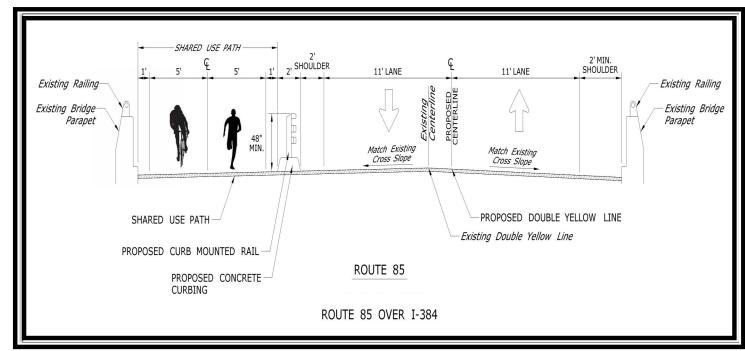
Surface and subsurface drainage improvements will be included in the project. Pedestrian bridges or culverts will be installed to cross minor existing steam or water courses. Rights of way acquisition and environmental permits will be required.

HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: An assessment survey in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act was performed in April 2013. The survey found no historical artifacts and concluded that construction should be allowed to proceed as planned.

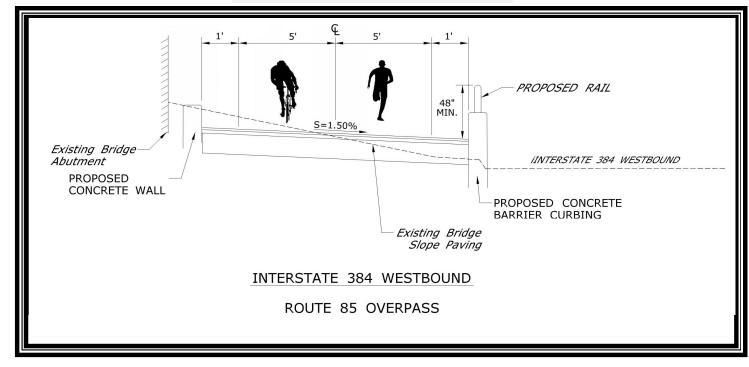
RIGHTS OF WAY: Slope easements and some partial acquisitions will be required.

PERMITS: Anticipated environmental permits for this project will include an Inland Wetland and Watercourses Permit, Flood Management Permit, and a Storm Water Discharge Permit.

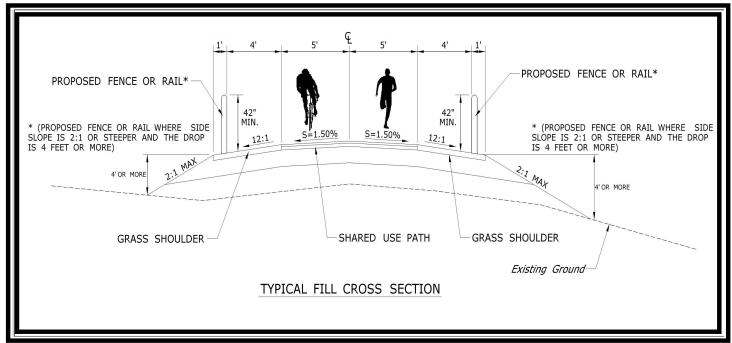
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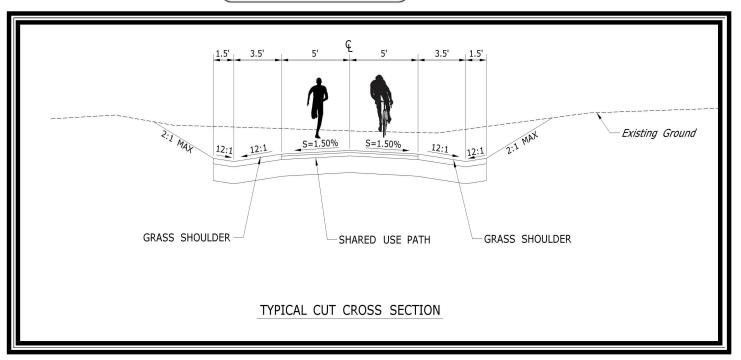




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PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Final Design Completion: October 14, 2015 Advertising for Construction: November 25, 2015

Anticipated Construction Start: Spring 2016

The schedule is based on the availability of Federal Funding.

CONSTRUCTION COST: The construction cost is currently estimated to be \$9 million and it is anticipated that the project will be funded with 80% Federal and 20% State Funds.

Documents and other information are available for public inspection or copying at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Engineering Office at 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., holidays excluded.



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