CTDOT's Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan Open for Public Comment

Hybrid public information meetings to be held at CTDOT on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has released the <u>draft Statewide Transportation</u> Improvement Program (STIP) for public comment.

The draft STIP compiles all highway and public transit projects that CTDOT intends to pursue over the next four years, utilizing Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. STIP documents can be found on the CTDOT website, at CTDOT Headquarters, and at all Councils of Government offices. It is suggested to schedule an appointment at these locations. To make an appointment at CTDOT, please call (860) 594-2040.

"Transportation supports our communities, quality of life, and the economy vitality of the state," **said Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto.** "Virtually all aspects of day-to-day activity and necessities are supported or impacted by Connecticut's transportation infrastructure systems. Everyone uses transportation—roads, bridges, buses, trains, sidewalks, multi-use paths and ferries. It is critical that we receive feedback from the public so we can tailor our projects, services and policies to best fit the needs of all stakeholders. Please, be part of the process. This is your opportunity to be heard."

The draft STIP for fiscal year 2025-2028 contains:

- Over 180 projects statewide, programming \$3.3 billion in federal funds matched by approximately \$724 million in state funds and approximately \$23 million in local funds, for a total program cost of approximately \$4 billion
- \$14.6 million for public transportation operating assistance
- \$2.2 billion will be used for highway and bridge capital programs
- \$1.1 billion will be used for transit (rail, bus, and rideshare) capital and operating costs

Some projects that will be funded through the STIP include:

- I-95 Interchange 74 reconstruction in East Lyme
- I-91 SB Bridge 01469B rehabilitation in Hartford
- I-91/I-691/CT 15 Interchange improvements in Meriden/Middletown
- CT 2A Bridge 03426 rehabilitation in Montville/Preston
- CT 9 Removal of traffic signals in Middletown
- I-95 NB Bridge 03819 rehabilitation in New London (Gold Star)
- US 7/CT 15 Interchange in Norwalk
- CT 82 Safety Improvements in Norwich
- CT 136 Bridge 01349 rehabilitation (Saugatuck River) in Westport
- Railroad Track Improvements & Mobility Enhancements (TIME) Program
- Rehabilitation of WALK, Devon, and SAGA Railroad Bridges
- Transit vehicle fleet and transit facility upgrades
- New Haven Line Power Program

CTDOT is conducting two *hybrid* public informational meetings regarding the draft STIP on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at CTDOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike in Newington. Both meetings will also be held on Zoom; registration is required. To register, please visit https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/STIP.

CTDOT staff will be available 30 minutes prior to each meeting to informally discuss the draft STIP with members of the public.

Language assistance and/or ADA accommodations are provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance. Persons needing language assistance or ADA accommodations may request assistance by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Line at (860) 594-2109, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Persons with a hearing and/or speech disability may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and instruct the operator to contact (860) 594-2243.

Parking is available in the rear of the building. The meeting facility is ADA accessible, and persons with disabilities can access the building from the main entrance of the building.

The draft STIP will be available for review for a 30-day public comment period from May 1-31, 2024. Comments from the public must be received on or before May 31, 2024. Comments should be emailed to DOT.STIPComments@ct.gov, or mailed to Maribeth Wojenski, Bureau of Policy and Planning, Connecticut Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546.