

**Connecticut Department of Transportation
State Project No. 11-159
Culvert Replacement on Route 305
Towns of Bloomfield and Windsor**

**Virtual Public Informational Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

Meeting Minutes

Representatives Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT):

Michael Calabrese, P.E., Division Chief – Highway Design
Scott Bushee, P.E., Principal Engineer – State Design Unit
Joseph D. Arsenault, P.E., Project Manager – State Design Unit
Byong Kim, Project Engineer – State Design Unit
Kevin Osowski, Design Engineer – State Design Unit
Albert Yaldeh, Design Engineer – State Design Unit
Nicholas Willey, Design Engineer – State Design Unit
Matthew Geanacopoulos – Office of Right of Way
Kathleen Ericson – Office of Right of Way
Michael Capanna – District 1 Construction
James Vincenzo – District 1 Construction
Zoltan Kanyo – Project Engineer – Division of Bridge Design

Presentation: The Zoom Webinar went online at 6:45 p.m. playing elevator music for 15 minutes while the residents of Bloomfield and Windsor joined the livestream. At 7:00 p.m. the presentation began, Mr. Byong Kim and Mr. Kevin Osowski presented the project, Mr. Matthew Geanacopoulos presented on the rights-of-way process, and Mr. Joseph D. Arsenault and Mr. Byong Kim were ready to answer any questions.

The presentation covered the following items:

- ⇒ An introduction of the project team was conducted, including Scott Bushee, Joseph D. Arsenault, Byong Kim, Kevin Osowski, Zoltan Kanyo, and Matt Geanacopoulos.
- ⇒ The project location and purpose were discussed. There is roadway flooding at the culvert crossing on site, as well as maintenance needs that need to be addressed. Conditions of the concrete headwalls were shown to be deteriorated.
- ⇒ Proposed work will include replacing the three 30" reinforced concrete pipes with a 20' x 8' box culvert, along with raising the roadway by a maximum of 3.5'. Guiderail will be upgraded and installed where necessary. Route 305 will also be standardized to include 11' lanes and 4' shoulders.
- ⇒ A visual of the box culvert cross section was shown, including the wingwalls and the streambed material that will be placed inside.

- ⇒ The need for two construction seasons was explained. This is due to the poor soil conditions and expected settlement. A breakdown of the work performed during each construction season was provided.
- ⇒ A detour lasting for 2 weeks during each construction season will be implemented for the project. Route 305 will be closed to allow the contractor to work undisturbed. The detour will be using Route 187, Route 178, and Interstate 91 to get to either side of Route 305.
- ⇒ Discussed and showed a visual of the right of way to be purchased for the project. There will be two partial take acquisitions and several construction easements. Matthew Geanacopoulos went into detail about the rights-of-way process.
- ⇒ The project is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2026 and is expected to conclude in the fall of 2027.

Public Comments and Questions: There were approximately 3 people who attended the public meeting via the Zoom Webinar. No questions were posed by the attendees.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 p.m.