

## REPORT OF MEETING

**PROJECT:** State Project No. 0015-0385  
Bridge No. 03637 in City of Bridgeport  
Route 130 over Yellow Mill Channel

**DATE OF MEETING:** Jan. 5, 2023

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** ZOOM Virtual Meeting

**SUBJECT OF MEETING:** Virtual Public Information Meeting

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)**

Bartholomew Sweeney – Manager of Bridges  
Bao K. Chuong – Principal Engineer  
Sowatei K. Lomotey – Consultant Bridge Design  
Barak Brako Frempong – Consultant Bridge Design  
Sarwat A. Basha – Consultant Bridge Design

#### **City of Bridgeport**

Lynn Haig - Director of Planning

#### **Public**

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#### **Close, Jensen and Miller, P.C. (CJM)**

Thomas M. Ryan  
John H. Miller II

#### **Hardesty & Hanover, LLC (H&H)**

Steve Hom  
Brian Kinsley  
Matt Southard

### **TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public and community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project, and allow an open discussion of any views and comments or ask questions concerning the proposed improvements. The meeting was live streamed via Zoom Live Event and YouTube Live and the presentation was recorded.

Mr. Sowatei Lomotey opened the presentation with a PowerPoint which included the project Email, Telephone, and Webpage; as well as the instructions for questions or comments during the session. Mr. Lomotey reviewed information for Title VI – Civil Rights, feedback survey, and notice to the public. The Project Team members from CTDOT, CJM, and H&H were provided. Mr. Lomotey explained that comments and questions can be submitted during the two-week comment period by January 20, 2023. The presentation then proceeded to Mr. John Miller II of CJM.

Mr. Miller explained the project goals, purpose, and need. The presentation was passed to Mr. Brian Kinsley of H&H.

Mr. Kinsley continued the PowerPoint, with detailed information of the bridge history, design, and the existing condition ratings. Mr. Kinsley explained the need to refurbish the mechanical system, replace the electrical system, rehabilitate the operations house, and repair the fender system. Mr. Kinsley summarized the proposed work and passed the presentation back to John Miller.

Mr. Miller explained the maintenance and protection of traffic scheme, the bicycle and pedestrian considerations, and the project schedule, cost estimates, and the regulatory permitting. The presentation was then passed back to Mr. Lomotey and Mr. Bao Chuong.

Mr. Chuong invited the City of Bridgeport to speak. Lynn Haig, Director Planning provided written support of the proposed maintenance and improvements to keep the bridge operational and safe.

A Question and Answer (Q&A) session immediately followed.

**Questions:**

- **Can you please explain how the construction cost is good use of taxpayer dollars?**

Mr. Chuong explained the considerations that go into ensuring the dollars are well spent. The proposed rehabilitation of the mechanical and electrical deficiencies is necessary to ensure a reliable bridge and the benefits of a bikeway provide additional value. This construction cost is considered good use of available funds.

- **What is the time frame of a construction season?**

Mr. Lomotey explained the two-season construction time frame, and the winter shut down.

- **Where does the rating of this bridge compare to other bridges in the state?**

Mr. Miller explained the bridge mechanical and electrical systems are unique as compared to most other bridges in the state that do not move. Mr. Kinsely added the navigation and coast guard requirements are different for this bridge as compared to other “non-movable” bridges in the State.

**Closing:**

Mr. Lomotey summarized again how the public can provide more comments after this session up until January 20, 2023, and he thanked those in attendance. Mr. Chuong concluded the meeting and noted that we are looking forward to another successful project in the City of Bridgeport.

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Project Engineer, CJM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thomas M. Ryan, P.E.  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_