

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. 04446, Hop River Road over Hop River on Tuesday December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTCoventry32-150>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0032-0150.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 04446, which is functionally obsolete. The existing structure, built in 1955 and rehabilitated in 1989, is a two-span steel beam structure supported by concrete capped stone masonry abutments and central pier. The total structure length is 111 feet and the curb-to-curb roadway width is 12 feet. The proposed replacement consists of a galvanized steel structure supported by new concrete abutments and the existing stone masonry center pier. The proposed structure will have a total length of 130 feet with a 24-foot curb-to-curb width consisting of two 10-foot travel lanes and 2-foot shoulders.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Temporary and permanent ROW impacts are anticipated for this project. Minor property acquisitions in the form of a permanent take or a permanent easement may be required for roadway or structural features resulting from widening the bridge on either side. Temporary construction easements will be required at all four corners of the proposed bridge for construction as well as for in-water work, both upstream and downstream of the bridge.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$3,350,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent Town funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting James R. Barrows by email at DOT-FLBP@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-3192. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 469-3186 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 6949071. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOT-FLBP@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.