

*Members of the public are invited to*

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**State Project No. 0063-0737**

**Rehabilitation of the Founders Bridge (Bridge No. 00371A)**

**City of Hartford and Town of East Hartford**

August 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Register: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTHartford0063-0737>

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to increase the service life of the structure by replacing bridge deck joints, removing the abandoned moveable inspection platform, repairing bridge deck concrete, increasing the substandard load rating capacity, and maintain the bridge in a State of Good Repair.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements to access the underside of the bridge resulting in temporary impacts to pedestrian and bicycle access requiring temporary construction easements.

Construction is anticipated to begin Fall 2026 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 \$22.3 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTHartford0063-0737>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please direct comments and questions by August 22, 2024 to: [DOTProject0063-0737@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0063-0737@ct.gov) and 860-594-2020.

ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>.

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 843 1480 8824. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Meziame Meziame, Project Manager, at [DOTProject0063-0737@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0063-0737@ct.gov).

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five 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.