

*Members of the public are invited to:*

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**State Project No. 0115-0122 - Retaining Wall Replacement Along Route 44**

**Town of Putnam**

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Register: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTPutnam0115-0122>

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 Question & Answer session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to replace a section of retaining wall that supports Route 44 in the town of Putnam to ensure the safety of the traveling public. The existing rubble stone retaining wall has shown visual signs of deterioration.

Proposed improvements to the wall include replacing approximately 270 feet of the existing wall that supports Route 44. The improvement will also include approximately 500 feet of full-depth reconstruction adjacent to the retaining wall. The proposed roadway cross-section will match the existing cross-section with 11-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders in each direction, and a 5-foot concrete sidewalk. Approximately 1,400 feet of sidewalk will be reconstructed to extend beyond the roadway construction limits due to the poor condition of adjoining sidewalk. Roadside safety appurtenances atop the retaining wall will be upgraded to current design standards.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. The impacts include construction easements to complete the proposed improvements to the existing retaining wall. A permanent maintenance easement will be granted to the State of Connecticut (State) for the maintenance of the retaining wall. Rights to grade and construct driveway will also be required.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 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 \$10,030,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent (80%) Federal funds and twenty percent (20%) State funds.

Please register for the Virtual Public Information Meeting at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTPutnam0115-0122>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public may submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please direct comments and questions by **August 14, 2024** to: [DOTProject0115-0122@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0115-0122@ct.gov) and (860) 594-2020, or directly to Meredith Andrews, P.E., Project Manager, at [Meredith.Andrews@ct.gov](mailto:Meredith.Andrews@ct.gov)

**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 may use the call-in number (877) 853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 872 3485 6958. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting: Meredith Andrews, P.E., Project Manager, at [Meredith.Andrews@ct.gov](mailto:Meredith.Andrews@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.