TO THE PART OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION





To: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Monitor

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Office of Environmental Planning

Date: August 16, 2022

Subject: Reconfiguration of Route 17 On-Ramp to Route 9 NB

Middletown, CT

Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On January 18, 2022, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project, and the scoping period concluded on February 18, 2022. During the scoping period, CTDOT only received comments from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and one member of the public. CTDOT did receive eight requests for a public scoping meeting however, a scoping meeting was not held since the minimum threshold of 25 requests was not met.

Based on the comments received, and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Review Checklist, CTDOT does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Comments and recommendations received were reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the Environmental Review Checklist and addressed within the checklist, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kevin.fleming@ct.gov.