

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

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Subject: Safety Improvements on Route 82 (Phase 1)
Norwich, CT
State Project No. 0103-0274
Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On June 7, 2022, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. A public scoping meeting was held on June 23, 2022. The scoping period concluded on July 8, 2022. Since the time of the initial project scoping in June 2022, the project has undergone a reduction in scope to include fewer roundabouts and reduced rights-of-way impacts. An additional Public Information Meeting was held on January 18, 2024, to further inform the public of the project.

During the scoping comment period and at the public scoping meeting, CTDOT received comments from members of the public as well as from one State agency - the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP).

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:
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