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REPORT OF MEETING

PROJECT NO.: 131-190

PROJECT NAME: Intersection Improvements on Route 10 & 322, Removal of Bridge 00518 and Replacement of Bridges 00646 & 05753

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: 0010(115)

TOWN/CITY: Southington and Cheshire

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams Live Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: May 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Informational Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

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10 Public YouTube Attendees		
11 Public Teams Attendees		

Public Informational Meeting Format:

The project team delivered a live presentation to the public and local stakeholders on May 16th 2022 at 7:00pm. This presentation is included with this report of meeting as an attachment. Attendees had the



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option of attending the meeting via YouTube or Microsoft Teams live streams, or by calling in and listening by phone.

Following the presentation, a live question and answer session was held. Members of the public and stakeholders submitted questions via email, phone, and through the Teams Q&A window. The project team and the Department addressed all comments and questions verbally.

It was noted, and reiterated throughout the live session, that Project information and plans can be found on the Project website, as well as the phone number and email address to contact the Project Team. Attendees were also encouraged to fill out a survey. Attendees were notified that comments are welcome until June 3, 2022.

Project Website: https://portal.ct.gov/DOTSouthington131-190
Email: DOTProject131-190@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 944-1111
Survey: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/8f49e1ad5d3946d083f71825ee49f67f

Questions and Answers Session:

The following are the questions and comments submitted by the public and stakeholders, along with their respective responses, organized into subject matter categories for ease of review.

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- **Is this [project] going to be voted on or has this already been decided to go ahead with?**
 - The purpose of this meeting is to gather public feedback regarding the project as it is proposed today. There will not be a formal public vote, the project team will consider any public feedback that is received. The project was presented previously, and the feedback received was generally favorable, should that change this time around it will be discussed internally and determine if any changes to the scope need to be considered.

- **Is there plans to put in sidewalks to the Cheshire boarder on Old Turnpike Rd?**
 - Yes, the current project proposed to install sidewalks along Old Turnpike Road ending just north of the town line. The proposed sidewalks have been previously discussed and supported by the Town of Southington. Correction: The proposed sidewalk will terminate immediately north of the Cheshire town line on the west side of Old Turnpike Road and approximately 100ft north of the town line on the east side of Old Turnpike Road.



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- **Cheshire will not allow them [sidewalks] so there is no reason for them in Southington.**
 - The project team will be reaching back out to town officials to continue the discussions of where it would be appropriate to accommodate pedestrians by installing sidewalks within this project limits.

- **Are you taking away land for these sidewalks?**
 - The roadway design for this project was progressed previously and we essentially went back to the beginning to add the replacement of two bridges (Route 322 over Ten Mile River and Route 10 over Ten Mile River). Under the earlier design for the roadway work all the property that was needed to accommodate any of the improvement, including the sidewalks, was already acquired. At this time we're not anticipating that any additional property would need to be acquired for any aspect of the project.

- **You keep saying access for the businesses, what about the residents?**
 - Access for all residence and businesses will be maintained during construction. If there is a need, temporary driveways will be constructed.

- **When was the last traffic study done?**
 - The last traffic study was completed in 2017.

- **How many cars a day currently go over the Route 10 bridge that goes over Route 322?**
 - There are approximately 5,700 vehicles per day that travel over Route 10.

- **Any other designs done to keep the Route 10 overpass bridge?**
 - An alternative analysis was completed in the early stages of the project, which included an option to replace the bridge in-kind. That alternative analysis concluded that removal of the bridge was the most appropriate course of action.

- **Are there any traffic projections done to include the future traffic from the large development right over the Cheshire line?**
 - The Department is aware of this development and the additional traffic generated by this development can be accommodated with the design as proposed.

- **What will be done to address traffic from cutting through non-detour designated streets? Russell Road, Todd Road, Whitlock Avenue are small streets between construction sites and Clark Street.**
 - There will be numerous signs directing motorists through the detour. Local traffic only signs will be placed on residential streets.

- **Will the width of the roadway reasonable accommodate bicyclists?**



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- Dedicated bike lanes are not proposed however the travel lanes are 12 feet wide with 6 foot shoulders to accommodate cyclists.
- **Is this plan going to be able to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the 300 multi-family units being constructed at the I-691 exit and the commercial construction anticipated in the same area which is currently being initiated?**
 - The Department has policies and procedures in place to review traffic generating developments. They are allowed to get a permit on state highway system after they have satisfied the requirement to make any improvements necessary to accommodate the traffic that is proposed to be generated.

EMAILED QUESTIONS

- **Will Variable sign message boards be used to update motorists?**
 - The use of variable message signs has recently been using these signs to alert motorists on limited access highway and have begun utilizing them on to local roads. Typically variable message signs are used on projects such as this to direct detours but it will not be determined until later in the design when the construction stages are fully developed.
- **What will the cycle times be like for the traffic lights at both intersections? Will traffic back up north on Route 10 while waiting for the light to turn green?**
 - The cycle times will be optimized using the latest technology. The cycle times are adjusted to reduce the back up at all approaches.
- **Norton Street was torn up for the gas lines. Will we have to wait for this project to get Route 10/Norton repaved?**
 - Utility upgrades typically happen in advance of the project. Utility companies like to take the opportunity to upgrade their facilities before roadway repairs are completed. This is done so the roadway does not have to be torn up again.

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Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
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