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

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Subject: Replacement of Bridge No. 00162 (I-95 over Metro North RR) and
Bridge No. 00161 (I-95 over First Avenue)
West Haven, CT
State Project No. 156-181
Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On September 21, 2021, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. A virtual public scoping meeting was held on October 14, 2021, and the scoping period concluded on October 29, 2021. During the scoping period, and at the public scoping meeting CTDOT received comments from various members of the public. Since that time, the project scope expanded and CTDOT published a revised Notice of Scoping was published on May 3, 2022, in the *Environmental Monitor* to reflect the expanded project scope. A public scoping meeting was not held, and the public comment period concluded on June 3, 2022. During the comment period, CTDOT received comments from two State agencies - the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH), but no additional public comments were received.

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.