

**Connecticut Department of Transportation**

**State Project No. 102-372  
Rehabilitation of Bridges Nos. 00058 and 03563  
I-95 and TR803 over Crescent Street, Metro North Railroad and Pedestrian Path  
Norwalk**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024  
Zoom Webinar**

**Minutes of Public Informational Meeting**

**Presenters/Speakers:**

Rachelle Clark (CHA)  
Jodi Constant (WSP)

**CTDOT Attendees:**

Francisco Fadul  
Corey Burroughs

**Consultant Liaison Engineer (CLE) Attendees:**

Don Wurst (CHA)  
Rachelle Clark (CHA)  
Kristen Johnson (CHA)  
Naomi Cohen (CHA)

**Design Consultant Attendees:**

Jodi Constant (WSP)  
Thomas Laliberte (WSP)

**Public Attendees:**

(1) via Zoom, (0) via YouTube

**Presentation:**

A virtual presentation was held through a Zoom Webinar for the project and delivered by Ms. Rachelle Clark from CHA and Ms. Jodi Constant from WSP.

The presentation began at approximately 7:05 pm. Following an introduction of the project and the project design team, the following items were presented:

- The purpose of this project is to maintain Bridges Nos. 00058 and 03563 in a “State of Good Repair”. The Project Needs include extending service life by patching the concrete deck and addressing the poor condition of the bearings and deterioration at the girder ends and end diaphragms. The project will also provide minor substructure repairs and remove graffiti.
- Both bridges are three-span bridges carrying I-95 and TR803 (Exit 15 Ramp) over Crescent Street, Metro North Railroad, and a Pedestrian Pathway.
- A summary of the existing field conditions of the bridge and notable deficiencies related to the bridges were presented.
- A summary of the proposed bridge repairs.

- A description of anticipated roadway traffic impacts, railroad impacts, pedestrian impacts, and utility impacts were covered. The need for short overnight detours for repairs to the I-95 Northbound onramp was presented, and the detour detailed.
- The estimated construction duration of one season was presented.
- Overnight closures to the pedestrian path below the bridges will be required to facilitate overhead repairs. Mitigation efforts will include performing repairs over or adjacent to the pedestrian pathway at night, maintaining access to the parks via Crescent Street and North Water Street, replacing fence in-kind (meeting existing aesthetics), repairing any damage to the bituminous pathway, and repairing areas adjacent to the pathway with grading and turf establishment. Additionally, construction activities on the bridges with the potential to create noise disturbance will be prohibited during events held at Oyster Shell Park, e.g., NICE Fest.
- Construction is estimated to begin in Spring 2027.
- Total estimated construction cost is \$15 Million with 100% State Funds.

### **Public Comments and Questions:**

#### Question:

The NRVT passes underneath the bridge. Will the trail be closed?

*Answer: There is potential for closure of the pathway, but the work will take place at night. Also, the pathway will be shifted away from the work. Park access will remain through Crescent St. and North Water St.*

**Adjournment:** The project was generally well received by those attending the meeting. The live virtual presentation was closed at approximately 7:45 pm.

The City of Norwalk additionally requested that the City's comments be included in the Report of Meeting. These include:

- The City wants to confirm that all applicable Maintenance and Protection of Traffic standards are strictly adhered to during the course of the Project. This includes both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, especially since the Project is adjacent to a pathway that is part of Oyster Shell Park. The Contractor shall furnish a final Maintenance and Protection of Traffic plan to the City of Norwalk Department of Engineering for review and approval as part of the Encroachment Permit application (See below) prior to the commencement of any work. The plan should also include all of the required protection measures (barricades, temporary precast concrete barrier curb with the specified fencing, traffic drums and signage) as well as signage for the maintenance and protection of pedestrian traffic.
- The Contractor will not be allowed to store materials for this project on City property or within the City Right-of-Way.
- The portion of Crescent Street just north of Bridge No. 03563 at the intersection of Science Road leads to the City of Norwalk Transfer Station. Access to the Transfer Station shall be maintained at all times. As mentioned above, the Contractor shall not stage materials, park equipment or company/employee vehicles in the Right-of-Way in

any manner that would block access to the Transfer Station or the Oyster Shell Park pathway.

- For documentation and record keeping purposes, the City of Norwalk Department of Engineering requires all contractors working or impacting the City of Norwalk Rights-of-Way to apply for and secure an Encroachment Permit from the Permit Division in Engineering (this even includes all City Projects). All fees for this permit will be waived since it is a State DOT Project. Please have the Contractor contact Wilber Giron, P.E. at (203) 854-7801.
- Please provide a Project schedule to the City for planning and coordination purposes.
- It does not appear to be the case, but if the Project work should impact any City Parcel, such as Oyster Shell Park, we want to confirm that all of the Construction Easements have been taken into consideration and established.

Drafted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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