

Members of the public are invited to

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
State Project No. 0011-0161
Replacement of Bridge No. 01488 Carrying Route 178 over Wash Brook
in Bloomfield**

**December 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
(Inclement Weather Date: Thursday, January 7, 2027 at 7:00 p.m.)
Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, Room 131
330 Park Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002**

Attend & Learn More: portal.ct.gov/DOTBloomfield0011-0161

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 01488 to address the hydraulic capacity deficiency and posted load rating capacity of the existing bridge. Due to the hydraulic capacity deficiency, flooding currently occurs upstream and downstream of the bridge location at approximately a 2-year storm event. Bridge No. 01488 is currently restricted for trucks carrying certain loads due to its condition. In addition to the bridge replacement, Route 178 within the project limits will be raised approximately 4 ft to meet CTDOT hydraulic requirements.

The project will result in temporary traffic impacts during construction, and detailed information will be shared at the meeting. Travelers will be informed about anticipated temporary lane closures and traffic detours, as well as traffic safety measures.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with this project. The project will require various construction easements to provide access to the adjacent properties during construction. Additionally, permanent easements may be necessary for proposed grading to accommodate the increased vertical alignment of Route 178.

Construction is expected to start in spring 2029, depending on the availability of funding, right(s)-of-way acquisition, and permit(s). The estimated cost is \$10.3 million, with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

The public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Direct comments and questions by December 31, 2026, to DOTProject11-161@ct.gov, 860-594-2020, or Ken-Taro Plude, Transportation Supervising Engineer at 860-594-3343 or ken-taro.plude@ct.gov

ACCESSIBILITY

The meeting location is ADA accessible.

Project information can be mailed within one week by contacting Ken-Taro Plude, Transportation Supervising Engineer at 860-594-3343 or Ken-Taro.Plude@ct.gov.

Individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities can dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Request language assistance from CTDOT's Language Assistance at 860-594-2109 at least five business days before meeting.