

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0038-0085 – Replacement of Bridge No. 04645 – Ashford Road over Bigelow Brook

Eastford

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Register: <https://portal.ct.gov/doteastford38-85>

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community 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. 04645, which carries Ashford Road over Bigelow Brook. The existing 27.7' long bridge, originally built in 1937, is being replaced since it has a substandard roadway width, poor substructure condition, is scour critical and hydraulically inadequate, and has reached the end of its service life.

The proposed 58.5' long structure will be comprised of prestressed concrete deck units with a cast-in-place topping slab supported by concrete abutments and flared wingwalls with foundations bearing on bedrock and support a 24' wide roadway meeting standards. The proposed structure with a 52' wide hydraulic opening and the roadway raised by 1' will eliminate roadway overtopping and provide under-clearance during the 100-year design storm resulting in improved hydraulic adequacy. The project includes installation of new bridge and approach rail system meeting current safety standards and elimination of scour critical condition. Approximately 385' of roadway reconstruction is proposed including roadway drainage improvements.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project includes partial permanent takes (4 properties), drainage right-of-way (3 properties), permanent slope easements (4 properties), temporary construction easement (1 property), along with rights to install gravel pull-offs, relocate trail, remove and reset stone wall, install sediment control system, and reconstruct driveway.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <https://portal.ct.gov/doteastford38-85>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please direct comments and questions by July 30, 2024 to: DOT-FLBP@ct.gov and 860-594-2020 or Michelle Rame, Michelle.Rame@ct.gov; (860) 594-3319.

ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 850 3180 1589. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Michelle Rame, Michelle.Rame@ct.gov; (860) 594-3319.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

