

## MEETING SUMMARY

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### STATE PROJECT No. 0042-0332

#### Pedestrian Improvements at Ramp Termini

#### Town of East Hartford

#### Public Informational Meeting

April 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

740 Main Street (East Hartford Town Hall)

#### CT DOT Presenters:

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#### Open House

At 6:00 P.M. CTDOT representatives were available to explain the proposed improvements and answer any questions regarding the project. Two displays with presentation boards explaining the proposed improvements were available for public review. Handouts with information about the project in English and Spanish and a Title VI civil rights notice were also available for attendees. Seven people attended the meeting.

#### Questions During the Meeting

##### **I-84 at East River Drive and Darlin Street**

- One council member asked if lighting underneath the I-84 overpass on the East River Drive at Darlin Street site could be replaced or upgraded as it is very dark underneath the bridge.  
*CTDOT will look into replacing the lighting under the overpass.*
- A council member asked if the sidewalk on the opposite side of the I-84 overpass along East River Drive could also be replaced citing it as narrow and having a steep cross slope.  
*This improvement is outside of the project scope.*

### **Route 2 at Maple Street and Main Street**

- One council member was concerned about reducing the curve radius for the Route 2 westbound on-ramp, saying it would make for an uncomfortable or awkward entrance. *The design team has utilized vehicular turning templates in our design to verify that the design vehicle can navigate the turn without over tracking.*
- A council member mentioned that a cyclist had been hit by a car attempting to cross the Route 2 eastbound off-ramp. *The design team will check sight distances at the off-ramp to verify there is nothing limiting drivers from seeing cyclists approaching the ramp.*

### **Route 15 On-Ramp at Silver Lane**

- A council member mentioned that Silver Lane Elementary School did not have buses, and students living on Silver Lane had to walk to school. They wondered if a crossing could be installed for them. They also mentioned that it was the lowest income area in the Town of East Hartford. Another attendee mentioned that there have been several crashes involving pedestrians on Silver Lane in the vicinity of the project site. *A crosswalk is being installed at the end of the Route 15 on-ramp for pedestrians crossing the on-ramp. The design team is looking into adding a crossing to allow pedestrians to cross Silver Lane at the intersection of the Route 15 off-ramp.*

### **Route 2 at High Street**

- One town council member asked about adding a crosswalk across the Route 2 eastbound off-ramp just outside the project site. They also asked about wrong way and one-way signs as they have seen vehicles turning left off the off-ramp onto High Street which is a one-way street. *There is an existing crosswalk at the end of the off-ramp. The traffic team will determine if the crosswalk needs to be repainted and they will look at the possibility of installing additional signage in the vicinity of this ramp.*

### **Route 2 at Darlin Street**

- An attendee mentioned that the sidewalk on Darlin Street in the vicinity of the on and off-ramps is in poor condition. *Replacing additional sidewalk on Darlin Street is outside the scope of the project.*

### **Conclusion**

The proposed pedestrian improvements on display at this meeting were supported. The CTDOT representatives encouraged the attendees to also submit any follow up comments via phone, email or by mailing in the comment form in the handout. The comment period will extend for two weeks, until May 5, 2026. The meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 P.M.