

**CT Department of Transportation
Computerized Traffic Signal System (CTSS) Replacement U.S. Route 1 in Fairfield
Virtual Public Informational Meeting for the Town of Fairfield
August 15, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Event**

Report of Meeting

In Attendance: There were 18 attendees in the Zoom webinar, ten (10) of which were panelists. Of the remaining attendees one (1) was a CTDOT staff member, four (4) were public officials, and three (3) were members of the public.

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Presentation: The meeting went live at 6:26 p.m. with an informative introduction slide for attendees to view before the event began. The official start of the meeting was at 6:35 p.m. with an introduction from Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Engineer, John Lockaby, who also covered the process for how attendees could interact with the project team, provided a meeting overview, summarized the Title VI information, and introduced the project team before turning it over to Tom Daley, the project's design consultant from Gannett Fleming (GF). Tom gave a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation with assistance from Lesya Delyaur from GF, and Kathleen Ericson from the CTDOT Division of Rights of Way, followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Lisa Conroy, Anthony Servidone, Malcolm Thomas, Mark Vertucci, Gina Musinski, and Mike Dion were also present and involved with the event on behalf of the CTDOT.

The presentation covered the following items:

- Project improvements including purpose and need
- Review of signal replacement locations
- Traffic equipment composition
- Pedestrian accommodation upgrades
- Fiber optic communication explanation
- Project coordination
- Environmental and historic property impacts, of which there are none
- Anticipated rights of way impacts and process
- The schedule and estimated Construction cost, which is \$11.8 million and using 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds
- Question-and-Answer session

Comments and Questions:

Following the presentation, William Hurley, the Engineering Manager from the Town of Fairfield offered the following comments on the project:

- The Town asks to be kept informed of any proposed changes to signal phasing or sequencing.
- At the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Meadowbrook Road, the Town has had some recent complaints about the signal green time being too short and only allowing a small number of vehicles to clear before changing to red. Additionally, the Town has plans to replace a portion of the existing sound wall with the work scheduled to be done in the Spring of 2025. Will coordinate with CTDOT.
- At the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and New England Avenue, the Town has gotten several requests to make this a permissive left turn for U.S. Route 1 northbound. However, there were several crashes at this intersection several years ago that prompted the CTDOT to change the signal operation to a protected left turn. The Town requests to maintain a protected left turn in the interest of safety.
- At the intersection of U.S. Route 1 at Black Rock Turnpike and Stevens Lane, the signals are clustered, and the Town wanted to confirm that both would be replaced. CTDOT and GF confirmed that both signals are serviced by one controller and all signal equipment for the intersections will be upgraded.
- At the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Chambers Street, there is a small section where sidewalk is missing and could not be completed as part of a prior Town project. The Town asked if the gap in sidewalk could be completed.

The additional questions and responses from the Q & A session are listed below:

1. Question: Have the property owners who face right of way issues already been notified?

Response: No notifications have gone out yet. As right of way impacts are more clearly defined during final design, right of way maps will be generated and sent out to those property owners that will be impacted.

2. Question: Is this the only time period that public comment will be accepted through the process or just during this phase?

Response: The two-week period is the mandatory period for comments. CTDOT will be meeting further with the Town and will rely on the Town to act as a liaison to assist with coordinating questions and concerns from the community.

3. Question: Where will this recording be posted? On the project webpage?

Response: The recording will be posted on the CTDOT YouTube channel, a link to which can be found on the project website.

The meeting ended at 7:23 pm when new questions stopped coming in. Attendees were reminded to fill out the survey and that the comment period would be open until August 29th, 2024 should anyone wish to submit further comments or questions to the project email or phone number.