

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Interchange Improvements on I-691 Eastbound (EB) to I-91 Northbound (NB) in the cities Meriden and Middletown on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTMeriden79-245>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0079-0245.

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion for the traffic movement from I-691 EB to I-91 NB and address associated safety concerns within the proposed project limits. The proposed improvements consist of realigning and widening the off-ramp from I-691 EB (Interchange No. 11) to I-91 NB from one lane to two lanes, and constructing an operational lane on I-91 NB from the Interchange No. 11 on-ramp in the city of Meriden to the Rest Area in the city of Middletown.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2022 based on the availability of funding and any approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$57 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 100 percent State funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Sebastian A. Cannamela by email at Sebastian.Cannamela@ct.gov or by phone at 860-594-2698. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject79-245@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 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.