

REPORT OF MEETING

State Project No.: 0101-0119
Federal Aid Project No.: 0201(001)
Project Description: Culvert Replacement on Route 201
City: North Stonington
Date of Meeting: April 13, 2026
Subject: Public Information Meeting
Location of Meeting: North Stonington Education Center - Hybrid
 298 Norwich-Westerly Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359

Attendees:

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Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to present the preliminary design of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Project No. 0101-0019, to the public in the Town of North Stonington and participants via Zoom. The following topics were presented:

Discussion:

- CTDOT opened the meeting and gave a brief project introduction.
- CTDOT introduced project personnel from CTDOT and Lochner.
- CTDOT presented civil rights as outlined under Title VI and provided instructions on how to access the Voluntary Post-Meeting Survey and more information on Title VI online.
- Lochner presented the proposed design.
 - The existing twin 48” corrugated metal pipe culvert under Route 201 (Cossaduck Hill Road) will be replaced with an 18’ wide x 7’ high reinforced concrete box culvert.
 - Route 201 will be widened throughout the project limits to accommodate larger shoulders for bicyclists, improved turning movements, sight distance, and future sidewalks.
 - Route 201 will be raised 10 inches at the culvert and roadside safety will be upgraded to current federal requirements.
 - Billings Lake Road will have mill and overlay with full-depth shoulder reconstruction. The roadway will be raised at the intersection to tie into Route 201.
 - Drainage on Billings Lake Road and the private driveway will be simplified and improved.

Questions/Comments/Requests:

Questions could be submitted in four different ways. Questions could be emailed to the project manager, left on the CTDOT voicemail, mailed to CTDOT or asked during the meeting. The question and comment period will close on April 27, 2026.

The following questions and comments were received during the meeting:

- A public attendee inquired on behalf of the Blue Lake Tax District if there are proposed impacts to the Anderson Pond Dam within their property, located west of Route 201 (Cossaduck Hill Road).

Lochner (Ahsan Saghir) presented the area of interest and stated that the only construction within their property is grading a portion of the slope behind the dam as a result of the proposed driveway reconstruction. A partial acquisition of their property is proposed near the culvert to accommodate future maintenance of the proposed culvert wingwall.

- A public attendee stated that flooding occurred in the area below the dam in 2010 and inquired if the issue would be corrected.

Lochner (Ahsan Saghir) stated that the area below the dam is designed such that flooding may still occur as noted without overtopping the roadway.

- A public attendee inquired if a detailed description of the construction impacts would be provided in the future.

Lochner (Ahsan Saghir) stated that a CTDOT Rights of Way agent during the rights of way process will be able to answer questions in detail at that time.

- A public attendee asked for a copy of the detour plan presented during the meeting.

Lochner (Jack Speer) provided a physical copy of the detour plan to the attendee.