

REPORT OF MEETING

PROJECT NO.: 0115-0123

DATE PREPARED: December 19, 2025

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: 6115(012)

ROUTE: Chase Road over Cady Brook

TOWN: Putnam

LOCATION OF MEETING: Putnam Town Hall, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT 06260

DATE OF MEETING: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Information Meeting for the Replacement of Bridge No. 04765

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elaine Sistaire, Town Administrator, Town of Putnam

Barney Seney, Mayor, Town of Putnam

Michelle M. Rame, Consultant Bridge Design, CTDOT

Marc P. Byrnes, P.E., Supervising Engineer, CTDOT

Zachary Guarino, Rights-of-Way, CTDOT

Michael J. Brady, P.E., Liaison Program Manager, GM2

Ganesh Anandakumar, P.E., Project Engineer, GM2

There were 9 people in attendance from the public. The meeting participants included representatives from the Town of Putnam (Town), the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), and GM2 Associates, Inc. (GM2). The meeting was well advertised, notices were mailed to abutting property owners, public notice was published twice in the local town newspaper, Putnam Town Crier, and the meeting information was posted to the Town's website and social media pages.

TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:

The Public Information Meeting started at 5:00 p.m. with a presentation. The presentation began with Ms. Elaine Sistaire thanking everybody for attending the meeting and introducing the project.

The presentation was started by Mr. Marc P. Byrnes. Marc went over Title VI first and then went into how funding was secured for the project and explained how the Design Managed by State (DMS) process works. Marc then introduced the project team and explained bridge structural terms and how bridge conditions are rated on a scale.

The presentation was then turned over to Mr. Ganesh Anandakumar to discuss the project's design. Mr. Anandakumar explained the condition of the existing bridge and defined the purpose and need for the project. Mr. Anandakumar introduced the proposed improvements, project plans, and construction staging for the replacement of Bridge No. 04765. Permitting requirements, rights-of-way impacts, construction schedule, and construction cost were also discussed during the presentation. Key points of the project design portion of the presentation include:

- Bridge No. 04765 carries Chase Road over Cady Brook and is located approximately 320 feet east of the intersection with Cady Road.
- The existing bridge exhibits structural deficiencies and is rated in poor condition.
- The existing bridge will be replaced with a new AASHTO Box Beam superstructure supported by reinforced concrete integral abutments founded on deep piles.
- The span length will be increased to a 50-foot clear span.
- The bridge will have a 24-foot curb-to-curb width that accommodates two travel lanes.
- Open bridge rail will be installed across the structure and terminate into reinforced concrete end blocks.
- The end blocks and exposed substructure elements will be treated with concrete form liner to create a simulated stone masonry appearance.
- Metal guiderail systems that meet current safety standards will be installed at all four corners of the bridge.
- The channel slopes will be graded with natural streambed material and riprap.
- The road will be closed throughout the construction duration and a detour will be implemented that spans 1.2 miles.
- The project will involve rights-of-way acquisitions in the form of temporary construction easements.
- Property impacts will be finalized, and individual property owners will be contacted as design progresses.
- All necessary environmental permits will be obtained for the project.
- Construction is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2028 based on permitting and rights-of-way requirements.
- The estimated construction cost for the project including incidentals is \$3,600,000.
- The project is funded with 80% Federal funds, 20% State funds, and no cost to the Town.

The presentation was then turned over to Mr. Zachary Guarino, CTDOT Office of Rights of Way, to discuss the rights-of-way process.

Once that process was explained, Mr. Anandakumar concluded the presentation by delivering closing remarks and thanked everybody for attending the meeting. Q&A then followed and it was noted that questions can be submitted to DOT or the Town during the two-week comment period, ending on December 23, 2025.

Question by Elaine Sistaire: Who will be responsible for issuing the FMC-MOU permit?

Response: CTDOT responded that they will review and approve the FMC-MOU.

Question by attendee: Will there be a place to turn around if needed?

Response: A turnaround area will be investigated and coordinated with the Town.

Question by attendee: No place for pedestrians to walk during road closure. Could there be an area to include a pedestrian walkway?

Response: During construction, it is not anticipated to include a pedestrian walkway through the project area. The proposed bridge width will be widened from 21 feet, 7 inches, to 24 feet allowing a wider roadway along the bridge for any pedestrians walking along Chase Road.

Question by attendee: Where will the laydown/staging area be?

Response: Typically, these areas are in the roadway if the bridge utilizes a road closure and ROW acquisitions are obtained if it is deemed necessary for additional area to perform construction activities.

Question by attendee: Fire Department has drawn water from this bridge in the past, will there be a standpipe on the future bridge?

Response: A dry hydrant can be included on the new structure and further coordination with the Town Fire Department will occur during Final Design.

Question by attendee: What types of safety measures will be used to mitigate any contamination entering the pond during construction?

Response: Debris shield will be used prior to removing existing bridge superstructure, BMPs will be utilized to ensure that no hazardous materials enter waterway, and there will be a full time inspector to enforce the BMPs.

Question by attendee: What is the monetary offer of the land?

Response: The property value will be evaluated for any temporary or permanent acquisitions, and fair market value will be presented to the property owner.

Question by attendee: What is the anticipated start of construction?

Response: The current schedule is anticipated to start construction in Spring 2028, with bidding anticipated to occur during Fall 2027.

Question by attendee: Any concerns with the existing structure failing prior to construction?

Response: The bridge will continue to be inspected on a bi-annual basis unless the condition worsens. Then the inspection intervals will increase if conditions worsen. Currently, it is not anticipated that the bridge will fail prior to construction.

There were no other questions from attendees, and Mr. Anandakumar and Ms. Rame thanked everyone for coming out.

The meeting ended at 5:40 pm.

No further questions were submitted to DOT or the Town during the two-week comment period that ended on December 23, 2025.

Submitted By: _____ Date: _____

Ganesh Anandakumar
Project Engineer
GM2

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Marc P. Byrnes
Transportation Supervising Engineer
CTDOT