

Tuesday night, the project team presented the subject project to the public in a Public Information Meeting.

Project Webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/dotputnam0115-0123?language=en>

In attendance from the Municipality was Mayor Barney Seney and Town Administrator Elaine Sistare.

Elaine Sistare began the meeting with a few words of introduction and the Municipality's endorsement of the project.

There were 9 people in attendance from the public.

The following items are highlights of the presentation:

The proposed detour will be 1.2 miles using Cady Road, East Putnam Road and Five Mile River Road.

The required permitting

Right-of-way impacts are on private properties and will consist of temporary construction easements for access, grading, and water handling.

Construction is expected to start in 2028, depending on funding, right-of-way acquisition, and permits. The estimated cost is approximately \$4 million, with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

During the Q&A session that following the presentation, there were a few questions posed by attendees including:

- Who will be responsible for issuing the FMC-MOU permit?
- Will there be a place to turn around if needed
- No place for pedestrians to walk during road closure, could there be an area to include a pedestrian walkway?
- Where will the laydown/staging area?
- Fire Department has drawn water from this bridge in the past, will there be a standpipe on the future bridge?
- What types of safety measures will be used to mitigate any contamination entering the pond during construction.
- What is the monetary offer of the land
- What is the anticipated start of construction
- Any concern of the existing structure failing prior to construction?

The project was generally well received by the attendees.

The public comment period runs through December 23, 2025.