

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC INFORMATION (HYBRID)
MEETING MINUTES**

Project No.: 0131-0214
 Project Name: Replacement of Bridge Nos. 01241, 01242, 01243
 Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
 Location of Meeting: Town of Southington John Weichsel Municipal Center
 196 North Main St., Southington, CT 06489
 Subject of Meeting: Public Information Meeting

Attendees:

Public Members:		
Please see Attachment A for list of attendees that signed the sign-in form.		
In-Person: 6		
Zoom: 5		
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1. Meeting Purpose

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) hosted a hybrid public information meeting to provide an overview of State Project 0131-0214 that is being delivered using the design-build project delivery method. This meeting was to allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed work and ask questions to the project team.

2. Hybrid Meeting Format and Attendance

This public meeting was held in-person at the Town of Southington John Weichsel Municipal Center and virtually via Zoom. The Zoom feed was a combination of the presentation materials as well as views of the presenters and in-person attendees.

During the meeting, attendees were shown a PowerPoint presentation that described the proposed project and provided an informational sheet. Following the presentation, in-person attendees as well as those using Zoom, were able to participate in a question-and-answer session. Attendees were also notified of a fourteen (14) day public comment period that would end on March 18, 2026.

The meeting was held from 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

3. Hybrid Public Information Meeting Presentation

3.1 The CTDOT's Consultant team presented the following information:

3.1.1 Overview of Design-Build Project Delivery Method

- a) This is a Project delivery method where a single team, comprised of engineers and contractors is awarded the contract based on best value.
 - i) Best value is a combination of a team's qualifications, price proposal to complete design and construct the project, as well as their technical approach to completing the project design and construction.
- b) Attendees were shown a general timeline that compares the design-build process against the traditional design-bid-build method to demonstrate the efficiencies of overlapping design and construction activities using design-build.

3.1.2 Project Purpose and Need

- a) An overview of the project area and purpose of the project: to address structural deficiencies by replacing the bridges, thereby establishing a new serviceable design life of at least seventy-five (75) years.

3.1.3 Existing Conditions for Bridge Nos. 01241, 01242, and 01243

- a) A detailed explanation of the current state of all three (3) bridges in the project and existing photographs were presented.
 - i) All three (3) bridges were constructed in 1963 and have a wide range of existing condition ratings.

3.1.4 General Scope of Work - Base Technical Concept (BTC)

- a) Bridge No. 01241 – Jude Lane
 - i) Full bridge replacement.
 - ii) Drainage improvements.
 - iii) Roadway and Driveway Realignment.
 - iv) Sight Distance Improvements.
 - v) Potential Construction Staging
 - 1) Signalized Alternating One-Way Traffic – An image from a sample project was shown
 - 2) It was noted that the staging was a concept only and the selected design-build team would propose actual staging.

- b) Bridge No. 01242 – West Street (Rt. 229)
 - i) Full bridge replacement.
 - ii) Intersection and Traffic Signal Improvements.
 - iii) Drainage Improvements.
 - iv) Construct new sidewalk along Hart Street to Cortland Way and along West Street between Hart Street and Executive Boulevard - South.
 - v) Potential Construction Staging
 - 1) It was noted that the staging was a concept only and the selected design-build team would propose actual staging.
- c) Bridge No. 01243 – Curtiss Street
 - i) Full bridge replacement.
 - ii) Drainage improvements.
 - iii) Improvements to the guiderail.
 - iv) Potential Construction Staging
 - 1) Signalized Alternating One-Way Traffic – An image from a sample project was shown
 - 2) It was noted that the staging was a concept only and the selected design-build team would propose actual staging.

3.1.5 Natural Resources

- a) A review of federally protected species, wetlands and watercourses was provided. Regulated resources were identified near Bridge Nos. 01241 and 01242. Minor temporary and permanent impacts may occur, however exact areas are currently unknown.

3.1.6 Historical and Archaeological Resources

- a) All bridges are exempt from National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) considerations. The former Farmington Canal, an NRHP linear district, is located near Bridge No. 01241 but no impacts are anticipated. Consultation is required with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, but no adverse effects are anticipated.

3.1.7 Utility Impacts

- a) Existing condition photos were shown to illustrate that utilities are attached to all three bridges. These utilities include a gas main owned by Eversource Gas, water mains owned by Southington Water Department, utility poles carrying electric owned by Eversource Electric and telecommunications owned by GONETSPEED, Frontier Communications, and Crown Castle Fiber.
- b) A 6" Eversource Gas main is attached to Bridge No. 01241.
- c) Attached to Bridge Nos. 01242 and 01243 are 12" Southington Water Department water mains.
- d) Utility pole relocations will be coordinated with Eversource Electric, Frontier Communications and other overhead utilities.
- e) Stormwater drainage improvements are expected for all locations.

- f) It was noted that utility service is to be maintained in accordance with the utility companies' requirements.

3.1.8 Rights-of-Way

- a) Attendees were informed that on Jude Lane and Curtiss Street there are potential property impacts related to driveways and drainage reconstruction as well as slope grading which will be finalized with maps prepared after final project concept is approved by CTDOT. At West Street there are no temporary or permanent impacts anticipated.
- b) The rights-of-way acquisition process was reviewed by Kathleen Ericson from CTDOT – Office of Rights-of-Way (ORW).

3.1.9 Project Schedule & Budget

- a) The project schedule was reviewed:
 - i) Request for Proposals (RFP) – February 2027
 - ii) Contract Award – November 2027
 - iii) Notice to Proceed (NTP) – December 2027
 - iv) Estimated Construction Start – Summer 2028
- b) It was noted that between NTP and start of construction, while the design is being finalized, there is a potential for approved early construction activities or utility relocations to occur.
- c) The project budget was shown to be between \$60 and \$90 million with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds anticipated, however, it was noted that the project is dependent on funding availability and approval.

4. **Post-Presentation Question & Answer (Q&A) Session**

The following is a summary of the questions asked at the public meeting, along with answers that were provided. Questions and responses have been edited for clarity. Please visit [CTDOT's Public Information Meeting YouTube Playlist](#) to view the recording of the entire public meeting.

Question 1. Kristine Gorman from Parsons Transportation Group: Regarding the 80% federal and 20% state funding, is the project already funded?

Answer 1. Mr. Heizman of HNTB explained that funding is currently under evaluation by the CTDOT and the team is awaiting funding confirmation.

Question 2. Shannon B. (virtual attendee): Will construction of the bridges be spaced out so all three bridges are not under construction simultaneously?

Answer 2. Mr. Heizman answered, saying that the team is still evaluating traffic impacts between all three bridges being constructed concurrently. The traffic analysis will dictate whether staging impacts from one structure will impact another structure. The team is not certain on the timing of construction for all three bridges but will hopefully have an answer to this question by the end of the public comment period for this meeting.

Question 3. Shannon B. (virtual attendee): Before construction begins, will the surrounding communities and residents be alerted?

Answer 3. Ms. Wong of HNTB responded, explaining that the project team would follow CTDOT's process of alerting the abutters, key stakeholders, municipal leaders, and other identified stakeholders who may be impacted by construction. Ms. Wong noted that a public notice would be published in local newspapers as well to alert the public of when construction will proceed.

Question 4. Shannon B. (virtual attendee): Is overnight construction expected to occur?

Answer 4. Mr. Heizman confirmed there will be night construction, especially with the limitations of operations that are outlined on I-84. He noted that there are certain allowable periods to take lanes for construction on that roadway so the public can expect nighttime construction on this project.

Meeting concluded at 6:50 pm.

5. Public Comment Period

No questions were received during the Public Comment Period following the public meeting held on March 4, 2026.

Attachment A

Public Attendees, Public Information Meeting for State Project 0131-0214

March 4, 2026

In-Person Attendees
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