

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

Project No.: 0148-0215
Project Name: Replacement of Bridge Nos. 03129, 03130, 03131, and 03133
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Location of Meeting: Wallingford Town Hall Council Chambers
45 South Main St, Wallingford, CT 06492
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: 13		
Zoom: 4		
Town of Wallingford YouTube Live: 44 views over the first 12 hours		
Project Team		
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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 0148-0215, that is being delivered using the design-build project delivery method. This meeting was to allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about Bridge No. 03133 carrying Carpenter Lane over I-91 that was recently added to the Project.

2. Hybrid Meeting Format and Attendance

This hybrid public meeting was held in-person at Wallingford Town Hall in Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom. The meeting was also streamed via YouTube Live on the Town of Wallingford's YouTube Channel and local Government Access TV channels.

During the meeting, attendees were shown a PowerPoint presentation that described the proposed project and were provided an informational sheet. The Town of Wallingford's live stream on YouTube Live displayed a combination of live views of the Council Chambers and the PowerPoint presentation. 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 July 8, 2026

The hybrid meeting was held from 6:00 pm to 6:26 pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

3. Hybrid Public Information Meeting Presentation

3.1 Opening Remarks from Mayor Vincent Cervoni

Mayor Cervoni emphasized to the public in attendance that Town of Wallingford representatives from the Departments of engineering, public works, public safety, and public utilities have been in close coordination with CTDOT throughout the planning phase for this Project including the recent addition of Bridge No. 03133. He stated that this meeting would allow the public an opportunity to ask the project team questions and learn more about the recently added bridge. He thanked the public for their participation and involvement.

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

3.2.1 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.

3.2.2 Project Purpose and Need

- a) An overview of the project area and purpose of the project: to address structural deficiencies and provide Bridge No. 03133 in a state of good repair.

3.2.3 Existing Conditions for Bridge No. 03133

- a) A detailed explanation of the current state of Bridge No. 03133, as well as existing photographs, was presented.
 - i) Bridge No. 03133 was constructed in 1965 and has a superstructure and substructure condition rating of "Satisfactory", and a deck condition rating of "Good".

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

- i) Full bridge replacement.
- ii) Drainage improvements.
- iii) Widening of bridge and approaching roadway.

- iv) Addition of shoulder striping.
- v) Realignment of existing crosswalk near the intersection of Northrop Road.

3.2.5 Natural Resources

- a) A review of federally protected species, wetlands and watercourses was provided. No regulated resources were identified within the project area, and no adverse effects are anticipated to protected species, wetlands, or watercourses.

3.2.6 Historical and Archaeological Resources

- a) Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) has been completed and “No Adverse Effect” determinations from both offices have been received.

3.2.7 Potential Construction and Traffic Staging

- a) It was noted that the staging was a concept only and the selected Contractor would propose actual staging.
- b) Potential traffic staging was shown through a simple graphic for the replacement of Bridge No. 03133. The proposed staging would allow for full bridge closure with traffic detours in both the eastbound and westbound directions.
 - i) It was noted that other options could be explored, such as performing staged construction using signalized, alternating one-way traffic.
- c) In the event of full bridge closure with a traffic detour, coordination could occur with the closure of either New Rock Hill Road or Durham Road over I-91.

3.2.8 Utility Impacts

- a) A list of utilities present in the project area was shown. These utilities include water mains owned by Wallingford Water & Sewer and conduits for Frontier Communications (Frontier).
- b) Coordination is in progress with Wallingford Electric and Frontier for relocations of utility poles.
- c) Coordination with other telecommunication and gas utilities is on-going.

3.2.9 Rights-of-Way

- a) Attendees were informed that there are minor property impacts anticipated for properties along Carpenter Lane, which will be finalized with maps prepared after final project concept is approved by CTDOT.
- b) Coordination with the CTDOT Right-of-Way (ROW) division is currently in progress.
- c) Kathleen Erickson of the CTDOT ROW division was invited on stage to speak of ROW impacts in more detail.

- i) It was noted that property impacts for this project are still being finalized and are subject to change as design progresses.
- ii) It was also stated that any property acquisitions would be carried out in accordance with relevant federal and state ROW laws.
- iii) A brief overview of the ROW acquisition process was given.

3.2.10 Project Schedule & Construction Costs

- a) The project schedule was reviewed:
 - i) Request for Proposals (RFP) - October 2026
 - ii) Contract Award – August 2027
 - iii) Notice to Proceed (NTP) – September 2027
 - iv) Estimated Construction Start – Spring 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 anticipated construction costs were shown to be between \$60 and \$90 million with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds anticipated.

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. Chris Schrock, resident along Carpenter Lane: Can acoustic barrier walls be introduced to the project for Bridge No. 03133?

Answer 1. Ms. LaPlante of HNTB explained that noise pollution had been addressed via a noise abatement criteria list. She stated that this Project does not qualify for a noise study as work is being performed primarily on the bridges and not along I-91. She offered Mr. Schrock directions to a CTDOT website that could provide additional information regarding noise pollution on Carpenter Lane. Ms. O'Connor of HNTB added on that any questions, comments, or concerns discussed in the meeting will be noted and discussed further with CTDOT.

Subsequent to the meeting an email was sent directly to Mr. Schrock with the link to the CTDOT website: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/programs/traffic-noise>

Question 2. Ranjit Bhawe, Parsons: Is there any possibility of adding sidewalks along Bridge No. 03133?

Answer 2. Ms. LaPlante responded that part of the State of Connecticut's [planning] process is to reference the Complete Streets policy. She stated that the policy geared towards state-owned and maintained roadways, therefore, Carpenter Lane being a local roadway, does not fall under policy funding criteria. She stated that the project team did meet with the CTDOT planning group, which was partly responsible for the proposal of five (5) foot roadway shoulders. She also noted that the widening of the bridge would allow for pedestrians and

cyclists to more safely travel along the bridge. Lastly, she mentioned that a traffic count study conducted earlier in 2026 found that minimal amounts of pedestrians utilized the bridge.

Meeting concluded at 6:26 pm.

5. Public Comment Period

The following is a summary of the questions asked during the Public Comment Period following the public meeting held on June 24, 2026, along with responses that will be provided to the individual.

Post PIM Comment 1. **Janice Albert, Resident:** It was nice meeting you at the Wallingford Town Hall meeting last night. I'm reaching out as we discussed. I would be interested in getting in touch with Anna, from the DOT unit that takes care of noise analyses.

I'm interested in getting the results of the last noise analysis report, specifically the decibel results for Shetland Drive in Wallingford, which runs alongside 91 north.

Post PIM Answer 1. *Thomas Lantz of CTDOT responded and shared the CTDOT Noise Lead, Anna LaRose's, contact. He also shared the CTDOT Traffic Noise Program Type II Statewide Noise Analysis Webpage:*
<https://portal.ct.gov/dot/programs/traffic-noise/type-ii-analysis>

Post PIM Comment 2. **Janice Albert, Resident:** Thank you all for the quick response. I reviewed the document but couldn't find the page which includes the results for the area including Shetland Dr. in Wallingford. Would you be able to point me to the right page?

Post PIM Answer 2. *On Page 3 of the report there is a location map which indicates that I-91 through Wallingford was included in the study for Type II Noise Analysis. On the same webpage in the link previously provided there is an interactive map that shows the modeled decibel levels through the study area. This map does include the Shetland Drive neighborhood.*

Attachment A

Public Attendees, Public Information Meeting for State Project 0148-0215

June 24, 2026

In-Person Attendees
Mayor Vincent Cervoni
Tiffany Shipman, Assistant Town Engineer
Ranjit Bhawe, Parsons
Kristine Gorman, Parsons
Jim Greenwald, STV Inc
Janice Albert
Marilyn Dickman
Marilyn Di Mattia
Sheila Tierney
Jim Jobbagy
Dale Richards
Chris Schrock
Chris Scionti
Virtual Attendees - Zoom
Mark Alexander, Railroad Construction Co.
Walter Heller, Michael Baker Int.
Nathan Rossi, Parsons
Sally Diglio
Virtual Attendees – Town of Wallingford YouTube Livestream
44 Anonymous Viewers over first 12 hours