



Place: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Date: June 25, 2021

Re: State Project No. 170-3320 – Rehabilitation of Four (4) PAN AM Railroad Bridges - Virtual Public Information Meeting

Attendees (in Official Capacity):

CTDOT

John Bernick
Jayantha Mather
Haresh Dholakia
Abraham Monger
John Machnicki
Robert Moore

Consultant Team

Julie Georges - ADA
Arthur DiCesare - ADA
Joseph Solis – ADA
Aaron Williams - ADA
Jake Kaufman – ADA
Erika Gaines – ADA
Jacob Altrock - ADA

Attendees (General Public):

Approximately 4 Attendees via Microsoft Teams
Approximately 5 Attendees via YouTube Live

The purpose of the June 24th Virtual Public Information Meeting was to provide residents, business owners, and other interested individuals an opportunity to learn about and discuss State Project No. 170-3320 – Rehabilitation of Four (4) PAN AM Railroad Bridges.

The public and stakeholders were able to attend the meeting live via Microsoft Teams, could watch it via YouTube Live, or could listen via phone.

Presentation:

- The meeting went live at 5:45 PM with an introductory informational slide for attendees to view prior to the start of the formal presentation.
- The formal presentation began at 6:00 PM and consisted of the following:
 - Introduction by Haresh Dholakia, CTDOT Project Manager
 - Introduction of Project Team by Haresh Dholakia, CTDOT Project Manager
 - Virtual Meeting Overview/Title VI – Civil Rights by Abraham Monger, CTDOT Project Engineer
 - Existing Conditions/Why Are We Here? by Arthur DiCesare, ADA Project Manager
 - Project Overview by Arthur DiCesare, ADA Project Manager
 - Questions and Answers by The Project Team

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Questions and Answers (Q&A):

The public and stakeholders were invited to submit questions, at any point during the Microsoft Teams Live event via email, telephone, or live via the Microsoft Teams Q&A chat window.

It was noted and reiterated, during the live presentation and throughout the live Q&A session, that information could be found on the Project website, along with the phone number and email address to contact the Project Team (both during and after the live event), and notification that the public comment period for this project will close on July 9, 2021. Finally, participants were provided a web address and encouraged to take a post-meeting survey.

Questions asked during the Microsoft Teams live event were verbally answered by members of The Project Team. Questions and comments received are noted below, with responses paraphrased for the purpose of these meeting notes.

Questions Received via Microsoft Teams Q&A Chat:

The following questions and comments were received via the Q&A chat during the Microsoft Teams Live Event:

1. Question: What is the duration of the detour of West Main Street?

Response: The detour of West Main Street is a short-term detour, say one to two days. The detour is anticipated for the removal of the structural steel over the roadway & sidewalks, as well as for the installation of the new steel girders spanning the roadway. The detour would be dependent upon the means & methods of construction prescribed by the Contractor. It is anticipated that by way of weekly on-site construction meetings, advance notice for the timing of these occurrences will be in place. Communication with City of Waterbury officials will be made in advance, as well. The response included a review of the suggested detour along Riverside Street to Freight Street to Meadow Street to West Main Street. The detour route length is approximately 1.5-miles in length.

2. Question: What is the plan of the development for this site ?

Response: CTDOT noted that it was familiar with the development underway on the parcel west of the tracks between Freight Street & Crane Street. CTDOT also is working on a project to improve several train stations along the Metro-North's Waterbury branch line, including the Waterbury Train Station, with station amenities such as high-level platforms.

3. Question: Will only one track be the final configuration ?

Response: A review of the bridge sites shows that only one track will remain at the West Main Street & Crane Street crossings, whereas the existing tracks at Freight Street will remain in place. The number of tracks at Freight Street equals four (4). Further, the bridge abutments at West Main Street & Crane Street will remain and be able to support additional tracks, as needed, in the future.

4. Question: Why not fill in Crane Street ?

Response: Although Crane Street dead ends west of the bridge crossing the roadway serves the property to the west of the tracks between Freight Street & Crane Street. It is anticipated that this roadway will become active once the development is complete. Further, Crane Street serves as an alternate route into the existing shopping center located northwest of the West Main Street crossing.

5. Question: What is the cost of the project and the source of funding?

Response: CTDOT reported that the estimate at this stage is approximately \$11 to \$13 million dollars. The project cost includes incidentals such as construction engineering and inspection and railroad force account by PAN AM Railroad forces. The project is funded by State Funds.

6. Question: Can you list all four (4) bridge current clearances and proposed ?

Response: ADA reviewed each site with the following:

- *Existing Culvert: As a drainage structure clearance criterion is not applicable.*
- *West Main Street Bridge: Existing @ 13'-4" / Proposed 14'-0"*
- *Crane Street Bridge: Existing @ 14'-2" / Proposed 14'-10"*
- *Freight Street Bridge: Existing @ 14'-4" / Proposed @ 14'-4"*

7. Question: Why not replace the Freight Street Bridge?

Response: Based on the existing condition & load carrying capacity of the Freight Street Bridge, rehabilitation is the recommended action. However, work of the roadway level will be performed as the existing columns along the sidewalk and in the middle of the roadway will be encapsulated in a reinforced concrete safety shape barrier and protected with impact attenuation devices, sidewalks rebuilt, and maintenance of streetscape that are presently in place.

Questions Received via Email:

No questions were received via email during the Microsoft Teams Live event.

Questions Received via Telephone:

No questions were received via telephone during the Microsoft Teams Live event.

Closing:

Following the answering of all questions submitted during the Microsoft Teams Live event, CTDOT reminded attendees to please complete the post-meeting survey, as well as the phone number and email address to contact the Project Team with any additional questions or comments up to the closing of the public comment period on July 9, 2021.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Distribution: Attendees (in Official Capacity only)
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