

CT Department of Transportation
Project #0172-0541: Eastern Connecticut (District 2) Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)
Upgrades
Virtual Public Informational Meeting
June 1, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Event

Report of Meeting

In Attendance: There were ten (10) attendees in the Zoom webinar, five (5) of which were panelists. Of the remaining attendees, two (2) were CTDOT staff members, two (2) were various town employees, and one (1) was a member of the public.

Presentation: The meeting went live at 6:00 p.m. with an informative introduction slide for attendees to view before the event began. The official start of the meeting was at 6:02 p.m. with an introduction from Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Project Engineer, Claire Sylvestre, who also covered the process for how attendees could interact with the project team, provided a meeting overview, gave an overview of CTDOT's APS upgrade goals, and introduced the project team before turning it over to Collene Byrne, the project's design consultant from Tighe & Bond. Ms. Byrne gave an overview of the pedestrian upgrades that should be anticipated at project intersections. Malcolm Thomas from the Division of Rights of Way then provided a brief overview of the acquisition process of property rights where needed. The project schedule, budget, and next steps were also shared by Ms. Byrne. The team gave an approximately 20- minute PowerPoint presentation followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Natasha Fatu and Balazs Szoke were also present and involved with the event on behalf of CTDOT.

The presentation covered the following items:

- The purpose of the project is to incorporate pedestrian pedestals, APS pushbuttons, countdown signal heads, sidewalk ramps, and leading pedestrian intervals (LPI) as appropriate throughout District 2 to meet current MUTCD and ADA requirements.
- Project outreach and coordination efforts.
- Rights-of-Way processes.
- The estimated construction cost is approximately \$5.9 million with 90% Federal, 10% State funds.
- Project schedule and pending next steps.
- Information was provided on how to contact the design staff with questions/comments.
- Question-and-Answer session.

Comments and Questions: The question and response from the Q & A session is listed below.

Question: In locations directly adjacent to senior citizen populations, how long will the lights be holding the red for the walk symbol?

Response: There will be a seven (7) second leading pedestrian interval (LPI) which is when vehicular indications experience an all-red symbol followed by the walk phase, which runs concurrent with the parallel vehicle operations. CTDOT is not aware of any locations that are directly adjacent to high senior citizen populations. If this is a known concern at one of the project locations, CTDOT can look at timing the crossing time for a slower pace.

An additional comment was received via the project voicemail on June 1st prior to the meeting requesting that a signal be considered at the end of Winding Hollow Drive in Groton connecting with Route 184. The message was directed to CTDOT Customer Care for response and outreach to explain

that although that intersection is not included in the project, they can reach out to the Local Traffic Authority in the area to request a review.

The meeting ended at 6:30 pm when questions stopped coming in. Attendees were reminded to fill out the survey and that the comment period would be open until Monday, June 15, 2026, should anyone wish to submit further comments or questions to the project email or phone number.