

CT Department of Transportation
Project #0173-0549: Eastern Connecticut (District 3) Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)
Upgrades
Virtual Public Informational Meeting
July 30, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Event

Report of Meeting

In Attendance: There were eighteen (18) attendees in the Zoom webinar, five (5) of which were panelists. Of the remaining attendees, four (4) were various town employees, and nine (9) were members 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. Kathleen Ericson 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 3 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: How do you find where the crosswalks are in your town?

Response: There is a list of locations included in the project posted on the project website.

Question: Is there a place where I can see the proposed early plans for the upgrades? I received a letter about this meeting, which makes me think it in some way affects a property I'm involved with?

Response: The preliminary project plans will be posted to the project website. As design progresses, the property owners directly impacted will be contacted by Right-Of-Way staff during the acquisition process.

Question: How were sites for improvement selected? Did town have input?

Response: The sites were chosen based on the following factors: existing pedestrian phasing, age of the existing signal equipment, and pedestrian crash history. The towns were not requested for input during the location selection process.

Question: How did the state decide the 2 locations for new ped crosswalks etc. determined in Wallingford?

Response: The 2 locations selected in Wallingford were selected based on the previously noted factors.

Question: Have you already notified those property owners who have a rights of way potential issue?

Response: The property owners have not yet been notified. Once design impacts are finalized the property owners will be contacted by a Right-of-way office representative.

Question: Follow up question: the locations chosen in Wallingford have existing signals or sidewalk only?

Response: All locations in the project are at existing signalized locations.

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 Thursday, August 13, 2026, should anyone wish to submit further comments or questions to the project email or phone number.