

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed elimination of Bridge Nos. 00388 and 00389 in Glastonbury on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded, and instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTGlastonbury53-189>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0053-0189.

The purpose of the project is to address deficiencies identified during inspections. Based on field inspections, engineering analysis and a review of Department's Bridge Inspection Reports, the deck of Bridge No. 00388 was found to be in poor condition. The bridge was found to be functionally obsolete due to the existing minimum vertical clearance being less than current ConnDOT Freeway Design criteria for an existing bridge over a freeway. The superstructure and substructure were reported as being in good condition.

The inspection report noted the following concerns with the current state of Bridge No. 00388:

- Large areas of map cracking and hollow sounding concrete on the underside of deck
- Deck deterioration of 30 percent
- Areas of peeling paint
- Cracks in abutments

The Rehabilitation Study Report has been completed and the Bridge Safety & Evaluation scope concurrence has been obtained. The proposed project involves the removal of the superstructure of Bridge No. 00388. The superstructure and substructure (to the footings) of Bridge No. 00389 (Route 17 SB Ramp 007 over New London Turnpike) will also be removed. The existing Bridge No. 00388 span under Route 17 NB will be filled and a new roadway will be constructed on top of the filled span. The Route 17 SB Ramp 007 pavement will be removed from beginning of ramp to New London Turnpike/Oak Street intersection. Route 17 SB Ramp 005 will be reconfigured at intersection with New London Turnpike and a new roundabout will be constructed. A new traffic signal will be installed at intersection of New London Turnpike, Oak Street and Williams St E. In addition, there may be some work on the Route 17 NB on-ramp from New London which would include reconfiguration of the ramp and pavement removal. A detailed description of the activity is not yet available because the project is in its early design phase. The on-going project design will seek to avoid and minimize impacts. It will include best management practices, erosion control and avoid regulatory impacts.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$4.75 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent State funds.

The Virtual Public Information Meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Jonathan Kang by email at Jon.Kang@ct.gov or by phone at 860-594-2754, allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-888-566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject53-189@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111P, please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.