

# HEROES TUNNEL PROJECT

State Project No. 0167-0108

## Public Information Meeting Handout

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

New Haven Fire Academy

(230 Ella T. Grasso Blvd.,

New Haven, CT 06519)

Attend virtually:

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

\*Registration required

### Project Background

The Heroes Tunnel Project is a Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) initiative to improve the **safety, reliability, & longevity** of the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Route 15) tunnel system.

The Heroes Tunnel Project involves:



Tunnel Liner Rehabilitation



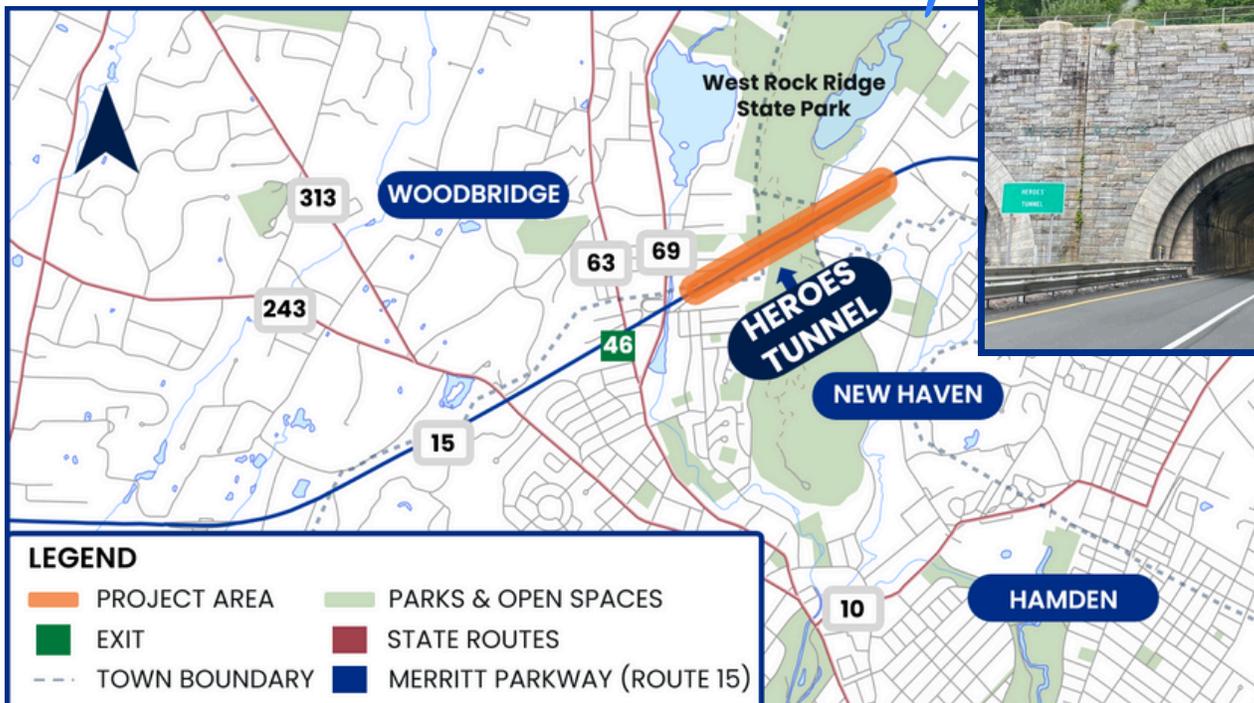
Life Safety & Fire Protection Upgrades



Full Replacement No Longer Being Pursued (No 3<sup>rd</sup> Barrel)



### What is the Heroes Tunnel Project area?



## Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to **correct existing deficiencies, enhance safety, improve travel, & ease maintenance** of the Heroes Tunnel.

## Project Needs



Address the existing structural, mechanical, & electrical deficiencies



No added traffic capacity needed



Improve the tunnel geometry & safety



Reduce the need for maintenance, improve reliability, & extend service life

## How will this project impact traffic?

- ✓ Route 15 NB/SB work will be performed between 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. (*\*As design progresses, some daytime work may be required to complete more challenging construction tasks. This will be coordinated with the municipalities as required.*)
- ✓ Crossovers will be utilized during the work window above
- ✓ Crossovers will be improved to accept a design speed of 40 mph



### **No proposed detours of Route 15**

*Ramp detours may be required pending future coordination with Exit 46 (formerly Exit 59) Project*

## Comment now!

### Public Comment Period:

Ends January 28, 2026



### Public Meeting

#### In-person or via Zoom\*

\*Zoom Q&A is only available during live Q&A session. Registration is required.



### Online

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### Mail

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*All formal comments received during the comment period will be evaluated and included in the project record. All information provided will be published and subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.*



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