

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

**State Project No. 0130-0192
Replacement of Bridge No. 05029
Poverty Road over Pomperaug River**

Southbury, Connecticut

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

4:30 p.m.

at

**Sarah Cooke Hall
Heritage Village Center
11 Heritage Way
Southbury, Connecticut**

and

7 p.m.

at

**Southbury Town Hall, Room 205
501 Main Street South
Southbury, Connecticut**

The purpose of these meetings is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. Q&A sessions will immediately follow the presentations.

The purpose of the project is to replace the Poverty Road Bridge over Pomperaug River with a longer, wider single-span bridge. The project is necessary because the existing circa-1967 structure is functionally obsolete. Its narrow width restricts vehicular traffic crossing the bridge to a stop sign-controlled alternating one-way operation. The proposed replacement bridge will provide for two vehicular traffic lanes (one lane each direction) and a wider sidewalk, thereby eliminating the alternating one-way traffic restriction and improving safety for both motorists and pedestrians.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Temporary construction easements for channel access, excavation, grading, and reconstruction of private driveways adjacent to the bridge are envisioned. Minor partial takes are also anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2026 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$6,605,000.

This project is anticipated to be undertaken with a minimum 80% federal funds and up to 20% state matching funds.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meetings. Please direct comments and questions by May 8, 2024 to: DOT-FLBP@ct.gov or 860-594-2020 or Andrew Shields at Andrew.Shields@ct.gov or 860-594-2077.

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