

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01138, which carries Route 82 over the Connecticut River in the towns of East Haddam and Haddam. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grange Hall, 488 Town Street, East Haddam, Connecticut.

Project No. 40-141 involves the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01138, which was originally constructed in 1913 and previously rehabilitated in 1988, 1999 and 2007. The existing structure is a four-span structure which consists of a fixed deck truss in Span No. 1, a fixed through truss in Span No. 2 and a moveable through truss swing span in Span Nos. 3 and 4. The bridge has a total length of approximately 885 feet and a bridge roadway width of 24.5 feet.

At this time, the project is nearing completion of the Preliminary Design phase. The proposed project scope includes strengthening of structural steel members, replacement of the electrical and mechanical systems, deck repairs in Span Nos. 1 and 2 and deck replacement over the machinery pit in the swing span, placement of a new overlay over the concrete-filled deck grid sections, bearing replacement and repairs, installation of a new bridge rail, localized painting of steel members and substructure repairs.

The project also includes the design of a cantilevered sidewalk with a 6 foot wide walkway that would be attached to the south side of the bridge and the construction of the modifications to the existing bridge structure that are required in order to support the additional loads from the sidewalk. The estimated cost of materials, labor and incidentals associated with the construction of the sidewalk structure alone is approximately \$15,000,000. The sidewalk can be constructed under Project No. 40-141, assuming availability of funding.

Maintenance and protection of traffic on Route 82 will be accomplished for most of the construction duration with a one-way alternating traffic operation that is limited to one span at a time. The one-way alternating traffic will be maintained using temporary signalization. A pedestrian pathway will not be provided on the bridge during construction. A full closure of the bridge roadway for a half-day period for a minimum of three weeks will be needed to replace the span drive. A swing span operation outage for a minimum of four weeks will be necessary to install the new electrical system and part of the mechanical system. Work that affects swing span operations is proposed to be completed during the winter months. Advisories and signing for regional detours will be in-place for the duration of construction as an effort to reduce traffic within the project limits.

Construction is anticipated to commence in fall 2019 and be completed in fall 2021, assuming availability of funding and receipt of any required environmental permits or right-of-way acquisitions. The estimated total construction cost for the project is \$55,000,000 (\$40,000,000 for the bridge rehabilitation items plus \$15,000,000 for the construction of the cantilevered sidewalk structure) and will use both State and Federal funds.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for the public's participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have prior to progressing the proposed project into the Final Design stage.

Plans will be available for public review. Department personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss this project. More detailed information is available at the Department's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to review the plans may contact Mr. Andrew J. Cardinali, Transportation Supervising Engineer, at (860) 594-3315.

All persons interested in this project are welcome to attend this meeting and discuss this project with Department personnel.