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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Virtual Public Information Meeting  
Project No. 0161-0142  
Lovers Lane over Comstock Brook  
Bridge No. 04975 - Town of Wilton

The Town of Wilton is currently reviewing the preliminary design for the replacement of the Lovers Lane bridge over Comstock Brook as prepared by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Proposed work will include the removal of the existing bridge and the construction of the replacement bridge comprising of a prestressed concrete deck unit superstructure and concrete abutments. The proposed bridge replacement will be accomplished during one construction season utilizing either a staged construction or a temporary bridge. Both options will require an alternating one-way traffic operation with temporary signalization. The proposed project will also include roadway improvements to meet current safety standards.

The Town will conduct a virtual informational meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. The attached Public Meeting Notice provides additional details on how to access the event for participants with limited internet access, hearing and speech disabilities, and translation needs. Instructions on how to access the meeting and other details can also be found on the project webpage:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTWilton161-142>.

Based upon preliminary assessment, the construction cost will be approximately \$2,700,000. The Federal Highway Administration will provide 80% of the construction cost with the Town of Wilton providing 20%.

It is the Town's and the State's policy to keep persons informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns with us to assist in the project's development.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information, providing input or requiring language assistance may do so by contacting myself, Frank Smeriglio, Town Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works at (203) 563-0152.

Very truly yours,

Frank Smeriglio  
Assistant Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

Enclosure

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 04975 carrying Lovers Lane over Comstock Brook in Wilton, Connecticut on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. 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/DOTWilton161-142>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0161-0142.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 04975, which carries Lovers Lane over Comstock Brook in the Town of Wilton.

Bridge No. 04975 was originally constructed in 1930. The single span structure is 33' long and has a curb-to-curb width of 16'-6". It is located approximately 400' north from the intersection of Lovers Lane with CT-33 (Ridgefield Road). The existing superstructure is comprised of a concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface supported by six concrete encased steel girders. The bridge superstructure is supported by concrete abutments founded directly on exposed ledge at the south abutment and spread footings with unknown depth, size and bearing stratum at the north abutment.

The proposed replacement of Bridge No. 04975 involves replacing the existing superstructure with a wider prestressed concrete deck unit superstructure and a topping slab that meets current roadway standards. The widened superstructure and roadway will require the construction of new abutments and wingwalls. The roadway profile will be raised slightly to maintain the existing hydraulic opening. Roadway pavement reconstruction at the bridge approaches and the installation of a new guiderail system will also be included in the project.

Lovers Lane is a cul-de-sac road providing the only ingress and egress to 9 residential homes located on Lovers Lane and Merwin Lane as well as access to the Wilton Playshop and Merwin Meadows Park. The proposed bridge replacement will be accomplished during one construction season utilizing either a staged construction or a temporary bridge east of the existing bridge. Both options will require an alternating one-way traffic operation with temporary signalization.

Three permanent Rights of Way property takings are planned as part of this improvement project. In addition, temporary construction easements on three properties will be needed and rights to regrade four driveways will also be required.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2022 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 2.7 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent Municipal funds.

The public informational 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 is mailed to them by contacting Marc Byrnes by email at [DOT-FLBP@ct.gov](mailto:DOT-FLBP@ct.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-3489. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 995-9730 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4105929. 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 [DOTProject161-142@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject161-142@ct.gov). Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. 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 5 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.