

WILTON PUBLIC WORKS
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TOWN HALL ANNEX
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October 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Virtual Public Information Meeting
Project No. 0161-0143
Arrowhead Road over Norwalk River
Bridge No. 05501 - Town of Wilton

The Town of Wilton is currently reviewing the preliminary design for the replacement of the Arrowhead Road bridge over Norwalk River 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 supported on semi-integral abutments. The proposed bridge replacement will be accomplished in one construction season utilizing a temporary bridge, while the new bridge is constructed offline to accelerate bridge construction and ensure workzone safety. The temporary bridge will maintain a single lane of traffic using an alternating one-way pattern. The proposed project will also include roadway improvements to meet current safety standards.

The Town will conduct a virtual informational meeting on Thursday, November 12, 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/DOTWilton161-143>.

Based upon preliminary assessment, the construction cost will be approximately \$3,000,000. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Smeriglio", is written over the typed name.

Frank Smeriglio, PE
Town Engineer / Assistant Director of Public Works

Enclosure

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 05501 carrying Arrowhead Road over Norwalk River in Wilton, Connecticut on Thursday, November 12 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/DOTWilton161-143>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0161-0143.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 05501, which carries Arrowhead Road over Norwalk River in the Town of Wilton.

Bridge No. 05501 was constructed in 1985. The single span structure is 60-feet long and it carries two lanes of traffic in eastbound and westbound directions with a curb-to curb roadway width of 23'-7". The bridge is located approximately 400 feet west from its intersection with US-7 (Danbury Road). Arrowhead Road is a cul-de-sac roadway providing the only ingress and egress to 10 residential properties west of the river. The existing structure is a prefabricated steel thru-truss bridge supported by concrete pile caps with pile foundations.

The proposed project involves replacing the existing bridge with a 51-foot long prestressed concrete deck unit superstructure supported by new semi-integral abutments and wingwalls on piles driven to bedrock. The width of the roadway will be increased slightly to 24-feet to meet current roadway standards. The proposed bridge is anticipated to slightly improve the site hydraulics. Roadway pavement reconstruction at the bridge approaches and the installation of a new guiderail system will also be included in the project. The proposed replacement will be accomplished in one construction season utilizing a temporary bridge installed on the upstream side of the bridge, allowing for an alternating one-way traffic operation to be maintained during construction. The existing bridge will be removed and the proposed bridge will be constructed off-line while the temporary bridge maintains and protects traffic away from the worksite

No permanent Rights of Way property takings are planned as part of this project. However, it is anticipated that a permanent slope easement on one property and temporary construction easements on two properties will be needed.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$3 million. This construction project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent State 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 be mailed to them by contacting Marc Byrnes by email at 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) 469-1071 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 5549210. 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 DOTProject161-143@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.