



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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September 25, 2020

The Honorable Beth DelBuono
Mayor
Town of Newington
131 Cedar Street
Newington, Connecticut 06111
Email: bdelbuono@newingtonct.gov

Dear Mayor DelBuono:

Subject: Virtual Public Information Meeting Confirmation
Project No. 0007-0250
Replacement of a Coordinated Traffic Signal System with Adaptive Traffic Signal Control and Connected Vehicle Technology
Towns of Wethersfield, Newington and Berlin

This is to confirm with your office the scheduling of a Virtual Public Information Meeting to be presented by the Department of Transportation (Department) concerning the subject project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on other details can be found at the project webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTProject0007-0250>

A copy of the Notice of Public Information Meeting, which contains a brief description of the proposed project, is transmitted herewith. Prior to the scheduled meeting, a member of the DOT project team will also provide the Town with a copy of the project display materials for posting to the Town website.

Also enclosed for your distribution to interested parties, is a copy of the Public Information Meeting display ad, which will be published in the Hartford Courant, Newington Town Crier and Rare Reminder on September 30th and October 7th.

If you would like to participate in introducing the meeting on the evening of the event (generally by call-in) or have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Mark F. Makuch at Mark.Makuch@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

Mark F. Carlino, P.E.
Division Chief of Traffic Engineering
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Enclosures

cc: Lyle Wray (lwray@crcog.org), Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments
Gary Fuerstenberg (gfuertenberg@newingtonct.gov), Town Engineer, Town of Newington
Sergeant Ryan Deane (rdeane@newingtonct.gov), Representative for the Local Traffic Authority (LTA), Town of Newington
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of traffic signals along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) from Nott Street in Wethersfield to Rowley Street on the Newington/Berlin town line, on Wednesday, October 14 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:

<http://portal.ct.gov/DOTProject0007-0250>.

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0007-0250.

The purpose of the project is to replace and upgrade traffic control signal and communications equipment at fifteen (15) State-owned coordinated intersections along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) that have surpassed their life expectancy and do not meet current Department standards. The project will also include the installation of Adaptive Traffic Signal Control and the deployment of Connected Vehicle technology.

Intersections along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) to be included in the project:

- Nott Street
- Route 314
- Pawtucket Street
- Arrow Road and Pent Road
- Route 287 (East Robbins Avenue and Prospect Street)
- Kitts Lane and Superior Avenue
- DOT Headquarters North Driveway
- DOT Headquarters South Driveway
- Route 176 (Main Street) and Griswoldville Avenue
- Pascone Place
- Route 173 (Richard Street) and Deming Street
- Lowe's Driveway and Target Driveway
- Pane Road
- Webster Street
- Selden Street and Rowley Street

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements limited to minor easements for the installation of traffic control equipment.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall of 2021 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$13 million. This 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 is mailed to them by contacting Mark Makuch by email at Mark.Makuch@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2722. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 831-8967 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4490207. 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 DOTProject0007-0250@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.

Everyone Is Invited To A
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
State Project No. 0007-0250

**Replacement of Traffic Signals along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) with
Adaptive Traffic Signal Control and Connected Vehicle Technology
Towns of Wethersfield, Newington and Berlin**

Residents, commuters, business owners, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 14, 2020

The meeting will be live streamed via: Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live

Formal Presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

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