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## **Scoping Notices**

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated.

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**The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.**

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# 1. Notice of Scoping for City of Waterbury Water Pollution Control Comprehensive Facility Evaluation

**Municipality where proposed project would be located:** Waterbury

**Project Location:** 210 Municipal Road, Waterbury, CT 06708

**Project Description:** The City of Waterbury Water Pollution Control Department is undertaking a comprehensive analysis of current operations at the Waterbury Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) to determine an overall roadmap for a long term plan for improvements. Issues to be addressed include operational upgrades required to meet new NPDES permit limits on phosphorous and metals, long term wet weather capacity, new Title V permits that would require capital improvements to the sludge incinerator, limitations on landfilling ash at the current location, and a desire to have a more sustainable operation with improved energy efficiency and potentially on-site energy generation. The plan will also address public concerns associated with the operation of a merchant incinerator in the most economically, socially and environmentally sound manner.

**Project Maps:** [Click here to view a project location map.](#)  
[Click here to view a project site plan.](#)

**A Draft Comprehensive Engineering Report for Phosphorus Removal is available.**  
[It can be reviewed by clicking here.](#)

**Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at:**

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse (2nd floor)  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

**The comment period has been extended.**

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **December 22, 2015****

**Written comments should be sent to:**

**Name:** Ann Straut  
**Agency:** Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
**Address:** 79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
**Phone:** 860-424-3137  
**Fax:** 860-424-4067  
**E-Mail:** [ann.straut@ct.gov](mailto:ann.straut@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about scoping for this project, contact Ms. Straut, as directed above.**

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## 2. Notice of Scoping for Various Bridge Rehabilitation at Route 8/ I-84 "Mixmaster" Interchange including Construction of Route 8 NB Temporary Bypass

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** Waterbury

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Route 8 / Route I-84 Interchange

**Project Description:** The Connecticut Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate Bridge Nos. 03190A, 03190B, 03190C, 03190D, 03190E, 03190F, 03191A, 03191B, 03191D, and 03191E which are part of the Route 8/ I-84 "Mixmaster" Interchange in the City of Waterbury.

The proposed project consists of deck repair, steel repair, substructure repair, joint repair, parapet modifications and general repair to bridge drainage, and signage. Bridge No. 03190A, carrying Route 8 Northbound, will have the entire concrete deck replaced. Because of this, a temporary bypass will be utilized to relocate Route 8 Northbound while the concrete deck is being replaced. The proposed alignment for this Temporary Bypass, two lane urban expressway, is approximately 3/4 mile long with three (3) temporary bridges. The alignment from south to north will begin the Temporary Bypass on existing Route 8 Northbound just north of the Bank Street Overpass. The Temporary Bypass will end on existing Route 8 Northbound approximately 350 feet north of the Freight Street overpass. The Route 8 Northbound Exit 30 On Ramp, and the Route 8 Northbound Exit 32 Off Ramp will be closed during the deck replacement of Bridge No. 03191A, eliminating access from Route 8 Northbound to I-84. See map for proposed temporary bypass below.

In order to avoid conflicts with the Temporary Bypass and to maintain local traffic flow, Southbound Riverside Street will temporarily be converted to a bidirectional roadway with one lane in each direction between Sunnyside Avenue and Freight Street. This will temporarily relocate Northbound Riverside Street onto the eastern lane of Southbound Riverside Street. Northbound Riverside Street between Sunnyside Avenue and Freight Street will be utilized for the Temporary Bypass.

In order to mitigate for the loss of access from Route 8 Northbound to I-84 due to the exit closures listed above, a new single lane northbound and southbound will be constructed at and within the Exit 35 Right of Way. This will allow a Median U-turn to be constructed within the infield connecting the existing left lanes of the northbound and southbound roadways (Watertown Connector/Route 73). This will allow traffic that utilizes the Temporary Bypass to complete the connections to Interstate 84.

**Project Maps:** Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.  
Click [here](#) to view a map of the proposed temporary bypass.  
Click [here](#) to view maps of the proposed U-Turn.

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **December 31, 2015.****

**There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:**

**DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

**TIME:** Doors open at 6:30 PM, the presentation will begin at 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Crosby Hill School Auditorium, 300 Pierpont Road, Waterbury, CT

**NOTES: In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to December 10, 2015**

**Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at or online at:**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 3303, Newington, CT 06131

**and**

City of Waterbury Clerk's Office, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

**Written comments should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Policy and Planning

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike

Newington, CT 06131

**Fax:** 860-594-3028

**E-Mail:** [dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov](mailto:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:**

**Name:** Mr. Robert P. Brown, P.E., Project Manager

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06131

**Phone:** 860-594-3207

**E-Mail:** [Robert.Brown@ct.gov](mailto:Robert.Brown@ct.gov)

**Other information:** The location is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed, please contact the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 before November 11, 2015.

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### **3. Notice of Scoping for New Parking Garage at Union Station**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** New Haven

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Union Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519

**Project Description:** The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is proposing to construct a new multi-level parking facility for Union Station in the City of New Haven. The project area is State of Connecticut property located north of the station and is currently being used as a commuter parking lot. The proposed parking facility will accommodate approximately 1000 parking spaces, thereby expanding commuter parking at the station to address existing and future parking needs. The facility will be designed with consideration to the historic significance, scale, and aesthetic quality of the station building, and will be limited to seven parking levels. The project also proposes new pedestrian accommodations through the existing garage to enhance access to the station from the proposed parking facility. Direct access to the rail platforms from the proposed facility via a future pedestrian bridge is also being considered in the planning and design stages of this project.

**Project Map:** Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Thursday December 31, 2015.**

**There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:**

**DATE:** Tuesday, **December 15, 2015** (inclement weather date of December 16, 2015)

**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for drop-in informational session. Brief presentation at 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Union Station Balcony, Union Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519

**NOTES:** The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department's Office of Communications at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five days prior to the meeting.

**Written comments should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Mark W. Alexander - Transportation Assistant Planning Director

**Agency:** State of Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Policy and Planning  
**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131  
**Fax:** 860-594-3028  
**E-Mail:** [dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov](mailto:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:**

**Name:** Mr. Keith A. Hall - Transportation Supervising Engineer  
**Agency:** State of Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction  
**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131  
**Phone:** 860-594-3301  
**Fax:** 860-594-3375  
**E-Mail:** [Keith.A.Hall@ct.gov](mailto:Keith.A.Hall@ct.gov)

**The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment in Spring 2016**

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#### **4. Notice of Scoping for Intersection Improvements on Route 74 and Route 195 near the Tolland Green**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** Tolland

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Route 74 between the intersections with Old Stafford Road and Route 195 (Merrow Road) near the historic Tolland Green.

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to address capacity concerns and vehicular and pedestrian safety concerns at the intersections listed above while creating gateway features on Route 74 and Route 195 to calm traffic prior to entering the Town Green area.

Route 195 will be widened approximately 300 feet south of Old Post Road to accommodate a splitter island to slow vehicles entering and leaving the Town Green area. It is also suggested that the existing gateway signage to the Historic Town Green be moved closer to the Southerly Gateway to improve the sign's effectiveness.

Extending north from the Southerly Gateway, the widening of Route 195 will accommodate an exclusive left-turn lane at Old Post Road. The receiving northbound lane will require realignment, which will have minor impacts to the southwest corner of the Town Green. The southerly leg of the intersection will be widened to allow for: two travel lanes, a left-turn lane, and two 4-foot shoulders. On the northern leg of the intersection, the existing southbound shoulder will be narrowed to shorten the distance of the crosswalk. Minor realignments to both legs of Old Post Road will be required due to the modification on Route 195 and new proposed signal.

The existing configuration of the intersections of Route 74 at Route 195 and at Old Stafford Road will be realigned. The easterly leg of Route 74 will be realigned to the south to form a new stop controlled "T" type intersection with Route 195. The approach to Route 74 from Old Stafford Road will be realigned to the west to form a "T" type intersection. Both intersections will be side-street, stop-sign controlled. The mid-block crosswalk, currently south of the existing Route 74/195 intersection, will be relocated north to the intersection. A raised island will also be installed south of the new Route 74/195 intersection to provide additional traffic calming.

Roadway widening and realignment will be utilized westward from the intersection of Route 74 and Old Stafford Road to provide traffic calming. In order to avoid impacting historic homes in the area, the new

horizontal curvature and widening will be such as to realign the roadway away from the historic properties. Drainage modifications will be required as a result of the widening and realignment. Full-depth reconstruction of the pavement structure is proposed for the entire project.

**Project Map:** Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Click [here](#) to view proposed project conceptual plans.

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday December 24, 2015 (If the scheduled meeting is postponed to December 15, 2015, comments will be accepted until the close of business on December 31, 2015).**

**There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 (inclement weather date Tuesday December 15, 2015)

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Hicks Memorial Municipal Center, Conference Room A

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT

**NOTES:** Plans will be available at the Hicks Memorial Municipal Center two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Written comments should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Policy & Planning

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06131

**Fax:** 860-594-3028

**E-Mail:** [dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov](mailto:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:**

**Name:** Mr. Joseph D. Arsenault

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

**Address:** P.O. Box 317546  
Newington, CT 06131

**Phone:** 860-594-3471

**E-Mail:** [Joseph.D.Arsenault@ct.gov](mailto:Joseph.D.Arsenault@ct.gov)

**Other information:** The meeting facility is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed, please contact the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (voice only) at 860-594-3062 at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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## **5. Notice of Scoping for Parking Improvements for Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** East Hartford

**Address of Possible Project Location:** 615 Silver Lane

**Project Description:** The Office of Policy and Management and the Capital Region Development Authority are proposing to develop grass parking lots and internal gravel roadways on a 10-acre parcel that was recently contributed to the State of Connecticut by United Technologies Corporation. The site previously housed operations of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company (P&W), and roadways, parking areas and foundations from those operations remain in place. Some portions are fully wooded with the balance being successional tree and shrub growth. The parcel adjoins existing stadium grass parking lots that were developed in 2011 on other former P&W land. Work will consist of clearing and grubbing of most existing vegetation, demolition of pavement and structure remains, regrading to achieve proper drainage, replacement of exiting roadways with gravel drive lanes and seeding with a durable, drought-tolerant grass mix suitable for parking use. A short segment of piped stormwater drainage may be needed, as well. The work will be contracted by the Capital Region Development Authority, which operates Pratt & Whitney Stadium on behalf of OPM. The property will be used for patron parking for major events at the stadium, and may be used occasionally for other events, such as charity walks.

Most of the parcel was included in the areas studied for proposed stadium parking in the 2006 "Environmental Impact Evaluation for Proposed Infrastructure Improvement and Rentschler Field Development" prepared by the Department of Economic and Community Development, with OPM as a participating agency. The final boundaries of the contributed parcel include an area of slightly more than 2 acres that lies outside the limits of the prior study of parking lands. However, this acreage was studied in the EIE as part of the proposed area of later phase development of Rentschler Field. OPM is now seeking comments on potential impacts of this development as part of a slightly differing contemplated State action.

**Project Maps:** Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Click [here](#) to view the Record of Decision for the 2006 EIE.

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **January 8, 2016****

**Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **December 18, 2015.****

**Written comments, questions about this scoping notice, and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:**

**Name:** Phil McLellan  
**Agency:** Office of Policy and Management  
Adriaen's Landing/Rentschler Field Project Office  
**Address:** 100 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 501  
Hartford, CT 06103  
**Phone:** 860-493-2928  
**E-Mail:** [phil.mclellan@ct.gov](mailto:phil.mclellan@ct.gov)

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## **Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required**

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a

scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

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**The following Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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## **1. Post-Scoping Notice for Water and Sewer Line Extension and Housing Project**

**Municipality where project will be located:** Stafford

**CEPA Determination:** On September 8, 2015 the Department of Housing published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The Department of Housing has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

**If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:**

**Name:** Dimple Desai

**Agency:** Department of Housing

**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** (860) 270-8012

**Fax:** (860) 706-5741

**E-Mail:** [Dimple.Desai@ct.gov](mailto:Dimple.Desai@ct.gov)

**What happens next:** The Department of Housing expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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### **EIE Notices**

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

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**No EIE Notice has been submitted for review and comment.**

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### **State Land Transfer Notices**

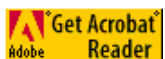
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**No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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