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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.

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

1. Notice of Scoping for Improvements on I-84 at Interchange 17; Construction of Chase Parkway Extension, and Operational Improvements on Route 63 and Route 64

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: Town of Middlebury & City of Waterbury

Possible Project Locations: The project is located off of Interstate 84 (I-84) westbound (WB) at Interchange 17, SR 845 (Chase Parkway), Route 63 and Route 64 in the Town of Middlebury and City of Waterbury.

The project limits on I-84 WB Exit 17 off-ramp begin approximately 700' prior to the existing exit ramp and extend to the intersection of SR 845 and Route 64 for a total length of 1,600'.

The project limits on the eastbound (EB) I-84 ramp begin at the intersection of Route 64/SR 845 and extend approximately 1,300' along the ramp.

The project limits on Route 64 begin approximately 450' west of Ferndale Avenue and extend to the intersection of SR 845 (Chase Parkway) for approximately 2,600'.

The project limits on Route 63 begin at the intersection of Woodside Avenue and extend approximately 700' beyond the intersection of Route 64 for a total of 2,250'.

The proposed improvements on SR 845 begin approximately 600' north of the intersection of Route 64 and extend approximately 1,300' with the construction of a new Chase Parkway

Project Description: The proposed improvements, which address traffic operational issues, include modifying the I-84 Interchange 17; installing new traffic signal at the intersection of State Road (SR) 845 and Route 64; constructing a new two-way connector (Chase Parkway Extension) between Route 63 and Route 64; and providing a new Park and Ride facility and multi-use trail.

The proposed improvements to Interchange 17 also include lengthening the I-84 WB deceleration lane by approximately 500' and adding a second lane to the off-ramp to increase the ramp storage capacity. The intersection of Route 64, SR 845, and the Exit 17 off-ramp will be realigned and a new traffic signal will be installed. The EB I-84 on-ramp will be widened to two (2) lanes from the intersection of the Route 64/SR 845 and will converge to a single lane 1,000 feet prior to merging with I-84 East.

It is also proposed to construct "Chase Parkway Extension", a new connector road (with an adjacent multi-use trail) from the new signalized intersection of Route 64/SR 845 and the I-84 WB Exit 17 off-ramp to the existing signalized intersection of Route 63 and Woodside Avenue.

It is proposed to widen approximately 1,250 feet of Route 63 from two (2) to four (4) lanes and modify the approaches to Route 64 to provide three (3) lanes from the SB approach (dedicated left-turn, through, and dedicated right-turn). The existing traffic signal at the intersection will be modified/upgraded.

It is proposed to widen approximately 1,600 feet of Route 64 from two (2) to four (4) lanes beginning at the intersection of Route 63 to SR 845. Additionally, the vertical profile along Route 64 will be lowered to improve sight distance.

Additional proposed improvements include the construction of a Park and Ride lot at the southeast corner of Route 63 and the proposed Chase Parkway Extension; the construction of a cul-de-sac at the south end of Kelly Road Extension; and drainage system upgrades throughout the project area including replacement of culverts conveying watercourses affected by the proposed improvements.

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

Click [here](#) to view Preliminary Design Plans.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday June 17, 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 the close of business on **Friday May 27, 2016.**

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting 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

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

Name: Mr. Sebastian Cannamela, Project Manager
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-2698
E-Mail: Sebastian.Cannamela@ct.gov

2. Notice of Scoping for Safety and Operational Improvements on I-84

Municipality where proposed project might be located: West Hartford

Possible Project Location: On I-84 Eastbound (EB) and Westbound (WB) between Exit 39A (Route 9 South) and Exit 43 (Park Road)

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to provide safety and operational improvements to address concerns with congestion and traffic operations on I-84 in the Town of West Hartford.

To address existing congestion concerns and projected traffic volumes on I-84 WB, an additional thru travel lane is proposed from the Park Road on-ramp to Exit 39A (Route 9 south) by widening I-84 towards the median. The fourth thru lane will reduce congestion and crash frequencies between the closely spaced interchanges by improving weaving operations. To address congestion concerns, improve acceleration/deceleration lanes and reduce crash frequencies on I-84 EB, an auxiliary lane is proposed between Exit 40 (New Britain Avenue-Ridgewood Road) and Exit 41 (Route 173-South Main Street). To accommodate the auxiliary lane, I-84 will be widened towards the median.

The proposed thru lane in the westbound direction will start at the on-ramp from Park Road and end as an "Exit Only" lane to the Exit 39A off ramp to Route 9 south for a distance of approximately 9,500 feet.

An auxiliary lane in the eastbound direction will be constructed and start at the Exit 40 on-ramp from New Britain Avenue and will end at the Exit 41 off-ramp to South Main Street for a distance of approximately 2,800 feet. The inside and outside shoulders in both directions will be brought to current design standards.

Two bridges at I-84 eastbound and I-84 westbound over Berkshire Road will be replaced completely. The I-84 westbound bridge over Ridgewood Road will be widened and the superstructure will be replaced.

The project also includes the mill and overlay of the existing travel lanes, addition of the concrete barrier curb and construction of noise barrier walls, installation of guide railing and overhead/side mounted sign structures, highway drainage improvements, and the minor relocation of some highway illumination.

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

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

Name: Mr. Ahsan K. Saghir, Project Manager
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-2076
E-Mail: Ahsan.Saghir@ct.gov

3. Notice of Scoping for Major Rehabilitation or Replacement of Bridge No. 01349 (William Cribari Memorial Bridge): Route 136 over the Saugatuck River

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Westport

Possible Project Location: Bridge No. 01349 (William Cribari Memorial Bridge) carrying Route 136 over the Saugatuck River

Project Description: The current phase of this project involves completion of the Rehabilitation Studies Report (RSR) for the subject project historic swing bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This bridge project was originally initiated under the presumption that it would require rehabilitation work, primarily to vehicular collision-damaged truss elements and corroded pile cross bracing. The on-going findings in the RSR have revealed substantially more structural deficiencies and significant highway functionality deficiencies. The cost to address the structural deficiencies may require major rehabilitation of the structure at a much greater construction cost than originally estimated. Due to a projected high cost of major bridge rehabilitation work, a complete bridge replacement option is also being studied in the RSR, to provide a base line cost comparison between bridge rehabilitation and bridge replacement.

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: **Friday July 1, 2016**

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

DATE: **Wednesday June 15, 2016**

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Westport Town Hall Auditorium, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, CT 06880

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

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

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

Name: Ms. Priti S. Bhardwaj, Transportation Supervising Engineer

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-3311

E-Mail: Priti.Bhardwaj@ct.gov

4. Notice of Scoping for Marlborough Town Center Public Water System Phase II

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Marlborough

Address of Possible Project Location: East Hampton Road, School Drive and Independence Drive

Project Description: Currently, the Marlborough Town Center Water System consists of 4,100 linear feet of 12" water main, a well field, and storage capacity of 17,500 gallons. The Town of Marlborough has received a Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant (STEAP) from the CT Office of Policy and Management to add approximately 1050 feet of 12" water main and additional storage tank capacity of 25,000 to 30,000 gallons.

The project will extend the water main west on Rte. 66 (East Hampton Road) to School Drive. Additional water main will be installed on School Drive to complete the water system distribution loop. Also, the project will include the installation of water main on Independence Drive to serve the existing businesses and a mixed-use zoned area.

There is a plume of pollution within the Marlborough Town Center from an identified site that is migrating off-site affecting individual water supply wells of many properties. The completion of this project will resolve the long-term water quality issues relating to historic lead gasoline and more recent MTBE gasoline pollution migration to potable water supplies on individual properties within the Marlborough Town Center Area. Additionally, the properties within and adjacent to the project area lack a reliable water supply. These

commercial and residential property owners routinely bring in water tankers from several days to weeks at a time to supply adequate potable water since their wells are unable to meet the daily demand of the property.

The completion of the water main loop to School Drive will allow water to circulate to prevent possible stagnation related water quality issues within the water system, while, providing adequate water pressure and water storage volume within the system and provide users with a consistently reliable clean potable water supply.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, June 17, 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 **Friday, May 27, 2016.**

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Fax: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov

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

Name: Patricia Bisacky

Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-7333

Fax: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

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.

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

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Downtown Crossing - Phase II

Municipality where project will be located: New Haven, CT

CEPA Determination: On March 17, 2015 the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and the [Department of Public Health](#). The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development 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 an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#) and [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

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

Name: Ms. Binu Chandy

Agency: CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford CT 06016

Phone: 860.270.8154

Fax: 860.706.5740

E-Mail: binu.chandy@ct.gov

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

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).

The following EIE Notice has been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of EIE for New Parking Garage at Union Station

Municipality where project is proposed: 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. Stairtowers and a pedestrian bridge (proposed under another project) will allow passengers to access railroad platforms via an overhead route or via the existing route through the station and tunnel. All work will be performed while the existing garage is kept in operation. Occasional modifications to traffic flow at the garage driveways will be necessary to accommodate construction.

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

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Monday June 20, 2016**

The public can view a copy of this EIE at: This document is available for public inspection at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Bureau of Policy and Planning (Room 2155), 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT; New Haven Town Clerk's Office, 200 Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510; New Haven Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06510; Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106; and the South Central Regional Council of Governments, 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473.

The EIE is also available online at: www.ct.gov/environmentaldocuments

There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on

DATE: Monday June 6, 2016

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Gateway Community College, 20 Church Street, New Haven, CT 0651

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

Send your comments about this EIE 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

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact:

Name: Mr. Keith A. Hall, Project Manager

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

E-Mail: Keith.A.Hall@ct.gov

Phone: 860-594-3301

2. Notice of EIE for Installation of Wildlife Hazard Deterrent Fence at Connecticut Airport Authority's (CAA) Groton-New London Airport

Municipality where project is proposed: Town of Groton

Address of Possible Project Location: Groton – New London Airport, 155 Tower Ave, Groton, CT 06340

Project Description: This DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) to address potential impacts associated with the installation of a wildlife deterrent fence while providing the opportunity for public involvement and comments, since the project is partially funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The airport is a public-use General Aviation airport located entirely in the Town of Groton, Connecticut owned and operated by the CAA.

The purpose of the project was to enclose the entire Groton – New London Airport with an 8 foot chain link fence with a 3 foot horizontal burrowing deterrent chain link "skirt" attached to the bottom and 3 strands of barbed wire on the top, in accordance with FAA specifications. The need for the proposed project is to protect aircraft and their passengers from hazardous conditions at the airport as a result of medium to large sized

wildlife, including deer, coyote, raccoons and woodchuck, from entering the airport property. The airport is currently surrounded on the three landward sides by a wildlife fence. The project would have included inspection of and repairs to this fence, as well as the installation of additional fencing.

The public can view a copy of the Project Map depicting the proposed action and alternatives, and a copy of the DRAFT EIE at: <http://public.ctairports.org/dl/GON-Fence/>

Written comments on this DRAFT EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, July 1, 2016.**

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental
Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority
Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160
Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Phone: (860) 254-5516
E-Mail: environmental@ctairports.org

A formal public hearing has not been scheduled. A public informational meeting has been scheduled for **7:00 PM on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at:**

City of Groton Municipal Building Auditorium
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

The sponsoring agency (CAA) shall hold a public hearing on the draft evaluation if twenty-five persons or an association having not less than twenty-five persons requests such a hearing by **Friday, May 27, 2016.**


If you have questions, contact Mr. Bruno above.

State Land Transfer Notices

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the process.](#)

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

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